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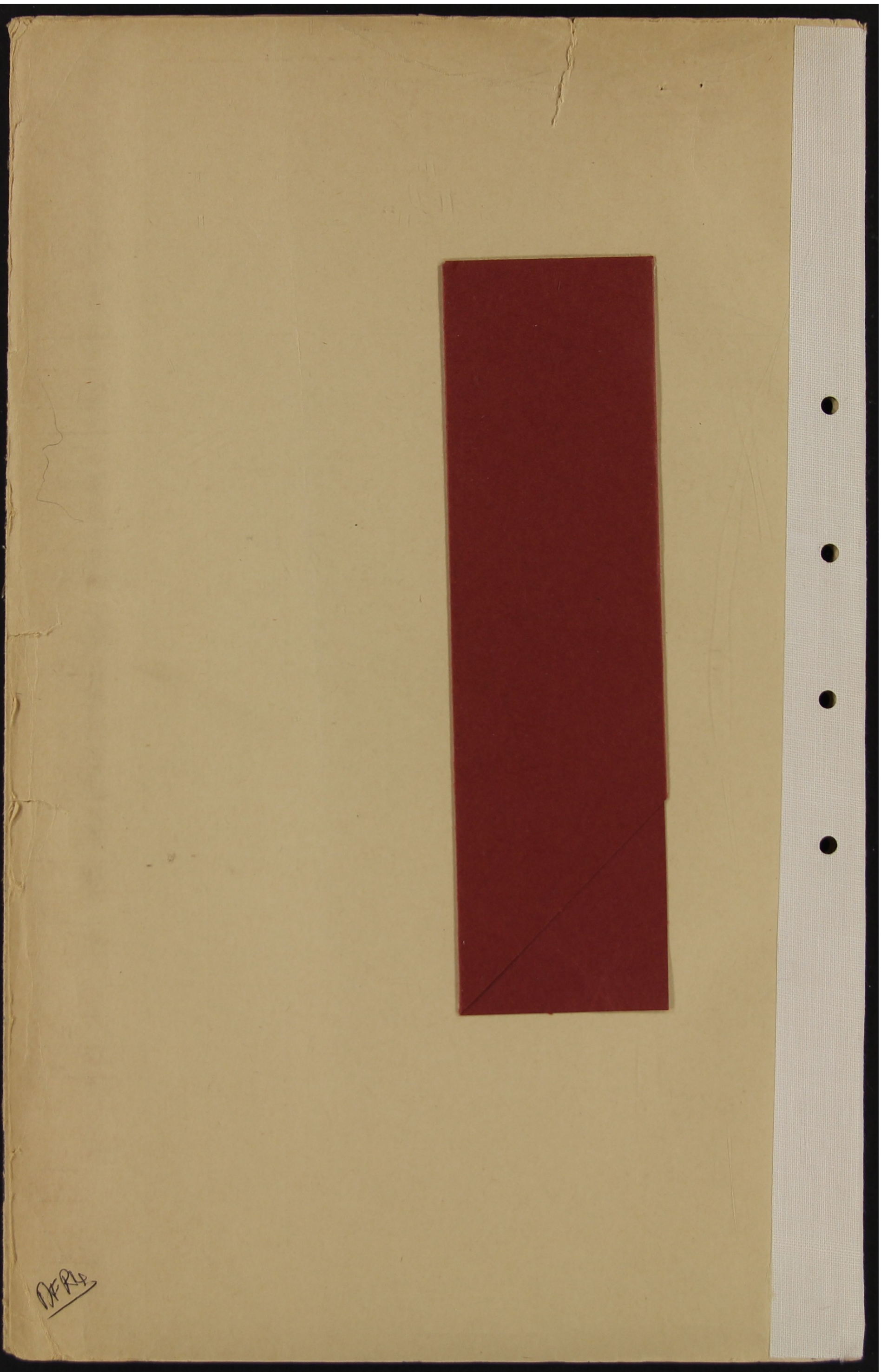
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Ext. from "Daily Telegraph" re BORYNSKI

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6.8.53.

B.2.D. note for file re conversation with S.B.

38A

Last serial in volume 1. 38a dated 6.8.53.

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7.8.53.

Extract from "Daily Telegraph"

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8.8.53.

Extract from "Daily Mail" re Father MARTYNELLIS

40A

9.8.53.

Press cutting from "Sunday Despatch" re Fr. BORYNSKI.

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9.8.53.

Press cutting from "The People" re Fr. BORYNSKI.

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P.L.S. through B.2.D. (Mr. Serpell)

1. Although there is no reason to believe that this is a security case the file grows daily, partly owing to Special Branch's investigations on behalf of Bradford (serials 32A, 33A and 34A), but mainly owing to the enormous publicity in the daily press.

2. You will, however, no doubt wish to reply to Bradford's report of 4th August enclosing a photostat of a letter from Father BORYNSKI's mother in Poland. There seems to me little doubt that this letter was inspired or dictated by an interested party in Poland, as I understand from Special Branch that nothing has appeared in the Polish press about the Priest's disappearance. There has certainly been no reference in the B.B.C. monitoring reports of Polish Radio. You will see from 38A that Inspector Johnson shared this view and told me that Mon. STANISZEWSKI had promised not to reply until he heard again from Special Branch.

3. Inspector Johnson has written direct to Bradford, but told me that he was being very careful how he worded his correspondence because of the activities of the press.

4. We have no trace in our records of Jadwiga JAGIER and I have also looked up the name under JAGIELLOWNA as this seems a more likely spelling for a woman of Lithuanian extraction.

5. When writing to Bradford, perhaps you would enquire whether we may now have our photographs returned.

Since dictating above, serial 43a has reached me

B2D/DMQ
10.8.53.

D.M. Quin
D.M. Quin

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10.8.53. Extract from "Daily Telegraph" re assault of Father MARTYNELLIS

42A

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10.8.53. From Bradford City Police re alleged assault of MARTYNELLIS

43A

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11.8.53. Press cutting from "Daily Herald" re watch by Police at Canon's home.

44a.

45.

P.L.S. Mr. Holmes.

1. We spoke this morning about minute 41.

2. D.C. (for D.B.) has agreed to our proposal that you should pay a visit to Wakefield this week and ask for Superintendent Rushworth and/or Inspector Cheshire to come over and see you there for a further discussion of the BORYNSKI case. The reason for your asking the Police to visit you at Wakefield and for not visiting Bradford yourself, would be the undesirability of any further Press publicity about "an M.I.5 interest" in the case.

3. The only new evidence of possible interest to the Security Service is the letter which is alleged to have been written by BORYNSKI's mother and of which a photograph is enclosed at 35D. It seems a strange coincidence that BORYNSKI should have disappeared on July 16th (the Press stories about his disappearance beginning on July 18th) and that on July 22nd a letter should have been written and posted in Poland, allegedly from BORYNSKI's mother, making no reference to BORYNSKI's disappearance but expressing great anxiety about the "long time" during which his mother had had no news from him. There seems a possibility that this letter was not really written by BORYNSKI's mother, or that if it was written by her it was done at the dictation of some Polish authority (perhaps the U.B.) for special reasons. Security Service knowledge of the extent to which correspondence between this country and Poland is controlled by Polish censorship and exploited for security and intelligence purposes, raises the question whether this letter, if it was controlled by some Polish Government agency, might be evidence that BORYNSKI was involved with Polish intelligence or security activities before his disappearance.

4. In order to assess the significance of the letter we should like to know what other correspondence of BORYNSKI's -- of any kind -- the Bradford Police have recovered from his house. Are there, in particular, any other letters from his mother extant? If there are, we should like to compare their contents for any signs of control. (You have pointed out, moreover, that at Wakefield there are technical facilities for comparing the handwriting of the letter of July 22nd with any other letters written by BORYNSKI's mother.) If there is any quantity of BORYNSKI's correspondence available it might be best if it were lent to you so that you could bring it down to Leconfield House for further consideration.

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MINUTE SHEETMinute 45 (contd)

5. We discussed together a number of other points in the Bradford Police enquiries which seemed to us obscure. I am leaving these to you to raise with the Bradford Police as opportunity occurs, but I should be grateful if you could recover from them the photographs which we lent them and enquire whether the Police informant, MALINOWSKI, thought that any of these photographs could be identical with the man he described at paragraph 19 of the enclosure to 11a.

M.F. Serpell
M.F. Serpell.

B.2.D.
11.8.53.

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- 21.8.53. From Bradford City Police enclosing A.R.C's for supporters of Father MARTYNELIS 56/
- 31.8.53. Minute from B.4.D. to B.2.D. re letters at 51Z 56/

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- 24.8.53. To C.C. of Bradford City Police returning 24 A.R.C.s 57/

58.

- 27.8.53. Letter from Auberon HERBERT to Capt. Liddell re BORYNSKI case 58A

59.

- 28.8.53. B.2.D. note for file re conversations with S.B. re BORYNSKI 59A

*B2 heavy line to see
? agree with B2/DMQ*

60.

propose, as amended.
B.2.D./Mr. Serpell

using 3.iii
COPY: P.F.61631 - HERBERT.

The letter (58A) from Auberon HERBERT (P.F.61631) does not raise any new points in the case of Father BORYNSKI's disappearance.

2. The Police and ~~we~~ are already aware of the position of Jadwiga JAGIEROWA in the household of Father MARTYNELLIS and of all the other allegations against this man. BUKOWCZYK and GRZYBKOWSKI, the two individuals joined in this letter with MARTYNELLIS to form a triumvirate of main suspects, were included in the list from the Police at 51Z(1) and are N.T. in our records.

3. Apart from that, it seems only fair to admit that we and S.B. share Mr. HERBERT's doubts about the methods adopted by the Bradford police in this case, and there are points on which we may be able to make some useful comments although I am still of the opinion that security and espionage are not involved. I am making some notes for this purpose on a separate sheet. (59a)

B2D/DMQ
29.8.53.

D.M. Quin
D.M. Quin

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- 31.8.53. B.2.D. note re Bradford Police Letter at 51Z 61a

P.L.S. (Mr. Holmes)

We spoke.

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2. Perhaps you will base a suitable letter to Bradford on serials 59A, 61A and Minute 60.

3. The papers for return to Bradford are in the large envelope attached. I have made photostats of the letters from BORYNSKI's mother but have otherwise kept nothing.

B2D/DMQ
2.9.53.

D.M. Quin
D.M. Quin

MINUTE SHEETReference PF. 723009

63

2.9.53 From C.C. Bradford further to 51z
 2.9.53 S.B. report re further enquiries about BORYNSKI.

63a
 63b.

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3.9.53 To C.C. Bradford returning letters found in BORYNSKI's desk

64a

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B.2.D. Mrs. Quin.

We spoke. A letter has been sent to Bradford as requested by you. In my view the returning of the photographs mentioned in 61a, para.10, would be best accomplished on the next visit of one of this section to that area.

In fairness to the Bradford Police it should be said that were they to engage in digging up cellars, etc., as suggested by Mr. HERBERT at 58a, para.6, they might well find themselves faced with a costly action for damages.

P.L.S.

3.9.53.

T. Holmes.

66.

5.9.53. From Bradford Police acknowledging 64a.

66a.

67.

B.2.D.

Captain Liddell forwarded the letter from Mr. HERBERT at 58a and I should like to write to him when he returns from Ireland about the middle of this month giving him briefly our views on this matter. Will you please submit a draft letter.

D.G.

7.9.53.

D.G. White.

(Copy of minute 45 on PF.61631 HERBERT)

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11.9.53. Draft reply to 58A (A. HERBERT's letter) for signature by D.G.

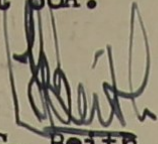
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D.G. through B.2..

Please refer to your Minute 67 above: a draft letter to Captain Liddell is submitted at 68A.

B2D/FGB
11.9.53.


F.G. Beith

Copy of Minute 47 on P.F.61631 (HERBERT)

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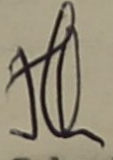
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D.G. through D.C.

Reference ~~your~~ minute 47.

You will note from 51a in the attached PF.723,009 that Mr. Holmes made a special visit to Bradford on August 13th, in order to discuss the BORYNSKI case with the local Police. 61a in the same file records the examination by B.2.D. and B.4.D. of a number of BORYNSKI's letters which have been sent to us by the Bradford Police for our advice. B.2.D. have also assisted the police wherever possible with information from our records. P.L.S. has been, and will continue to be, kept informed.

B.2.
12.9.53


J.C. Robertson

Copy on PF.723,009 BORYNSKI

71.

15.9.53. S.B. report re BORYNSKI.

71a.

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19.9.53. From D.G. to Captain LIDDELL re HERBERT and BORYNSKI case

72A

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25.9.53. Translation from Polish Daily re BORYNSKI

73A

74.

29.9.53. B.4.D. source report.
29.9.53. Ext. from S.B. report.

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29.10.53. A.5. note for file re BORYNSKI

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Pa.

Note.

On the 22nd October I accompanied the D.G. to No.3 District Chief Constables' Conference at Skegness and there saw the Chief Constable of Bradford. We spoke about the BORYNSKI case and he said that the Apostolic Delegate has said that BORYNSKI had no mission on behalf of the Vatican but the Bishop of Leeds is not fully satisfied and intends to make direct enquiries at the Vatican to discover whether or not BORYNSKI has been sent on a secret mission. There is also a local theory, that is being investigated, that a woman in BORYNSKI's parish has been missing from Bradford since BORYNSKI left.

We shall be told in due course of the result of these inquiries.

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A.5.
 29.10.53.

T. Holmes.

PhKRG
 12/10/53
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 10.11.53

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 723,009 Name: BORYNSKI.

Original in File No.: * P.F. 726,267. KOWAL Serial: 1a Vol: Receipt Date: 29.9.53.

Original from: S.B. Under Ref: 407/53/706. Dated: 9.9.53.

Extracted on: 12.11.53. by: PMH. Section: R.6.

Ext. from S.B. report re KOWAL. Ment. BORYNSKI

As a result of information received I went, on Friday, 4th September, to the Polish Combatants Association, 18, Queens Gate Terrace, S.W. where I saw Jan KOWAL, Polish, born 1st April, 1922 at Rajlow, who is registered with police as residing at Thame Park, Thame, Oxon, and holds Registration Certificate No A. 506984.

This man had stated categorically that he knew the Polish Priest Father Henryk BORYNSKI, missing from Bradford, was safe in Poland.

When I interviewed KOWAL he appeared reluctant to discuss the matter but eventually he admitted to me that he visited the 'Warsaw Club' at 81, Portland Place, W.1. each Sunday and at other times and was friendly with a number of the officials there. As his excuse he said firstly that he only went to see films, but later that he wished to get information about his brother Antoni KOWAL who had returned to Poland in 1945, who lived in Poznan, and from whom he had no recent information.

KOWAL also admitted that a friend of his, Stanislaw SIKORSKI, about whom he would give no further information, had applied for repatriation to Poland.

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The alien then went on to tell me that it was his habit to visit the meeting ground in Hyde Park, near Marble Arch and there he had met a Pole whom he knew lived at 81, Portland Place W.1. He maintained he did not know the name of the Pole but said he had formerly served on the "Batory", was about 25 years of age, about 5ft. 10ins. in height, broad build, dark brown hair, round face, and usually wore a black jacket and grey trousers.

In conversation with this man he had told KOWAL not to worry about the missing priest for he was safe in Poland and very happy

Whist not placing any reliance on the story concerning the priest it appeared from KOWAL's remarks that he was very well acquainted with the Warsaw organisations in London. Inspection of his police registration certificate showed no London address and he informed me that he had just come to London and had secured work in the still-room of the 'Normandie' Hotel, Knightsbridge. He had taken a room at 64, Belgrave Road, S.W.1.

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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No.: P.F. 723,009. Name: BORYNSKI.

Original in File No.: P.F. 141,452. Serial: 4b. Vol.: 28 Receipt Date: 30.9.53.

Original from: B.4.D source report; Under Ref.: 22/3411. Dated: 23.9.53.

Extracted on: 30.10.53. by: FMH. Section: R.6.

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Extract from B.4.D. source report re KOWAL Jan. Ment. BORYNSKI.

On or about 14.9.53. this man came to the S.P.K. (Polish Ex-Combatant Association). He appeared to be about 27-30 years old and is said to be working at the Normandy restaurant in Knightsbridge. He told some officers there that he had important information concerning the disappearance of the Polish Priest from Bradford, and also that he knew of a plot to kidnap General ANDERS. The S.P.K. apparently got in touch with the Police, some officers from Scotland Yard came along and interviewed KOWAL.

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Translation from the Polish (Summary and extracts.)
Polish Daily, September 25, 1953.

73A

Although information is still coming through, the fate of Father BORYNSKI is still unknown.
 Who went in the secret car in Queensbury?

Bradford (our own correspondent) 24.9. Miss (or Mrs.) Doris ALLEN has informed the Bradford Police that she saw Father BORYNSKI at the Exchange station at Manchester on the 17th July, four days after his mysterious disappearance. He was apparently looking ill and frightened. He was walking with a woman, and behind him was another priest, also with a woman. Suddenly according to Miss ALLEN, he (Father BORYNSKI) gave a look at the woman, who accompanied him, which look Miss ALLEN interpreted as an S.O.S. Miss ALLEN was going to Scotland. They all got into the same train, and Miss ALLEN wanted to get into the same carriage with the priest and his companions, but they had first class tickets.

Mrs. SELIGMAN visited Father BORYNSKI with her daughter at 11.0 on July 13th, the day of his disappearance. Mrs. SELIGMAN told our correspondent "I did not notice any signs of nervous upset in Father BORYNSKI. He played and joked with my little girl as though he had not a care in the world. He was very gay. He wanted me to buy more material for national costumes. He talked a great deal about his future work and plans about concerts, entertainments, national dancing etc - . I did not notice any signs by which one could deduce that Father BORYNSKI was getting ready for a journey".

At Queensbury, near Bradford, an interesting incident took place, which may cause the police to take a new line in their enquiries into the case of Father BORYNSKI. Shortly after the priest's disappearance, a dark coloured car drew up at the crossroads in Queensbury and a foreigner asked the way to Bradshaw. In the back seat sat two men. One of them apparently looked like Father BORYNSKI. He was tall, heavily built and wearing black. He was wearing a white scarf - Father BORYNSKI often wore a white scarf.

Handwritten:
 20/10/53
 1.10.53

72A

Copy for PF.723009 BORYNSKI.

PF.61631/D.G.

19th September, 1953.

You will remember sending me a letter you received from Auberon Herbert about the affair of the Pole, Father Borynski. Serpell has had all this examined pretty carefully and advises me as follows:

B.2.D. have been in correspondence with the Bradford Police about the case and Roberts of P.L.S. visited Bradford at the end of July to discuss it with the Chief Constable and with Det. Supt. Rushworth. On August 13th Holmes had further long conversations with Rushworth and one of his officers. The police were given an assurance of our readiness to assist them in any way possible and we were in fact able to supply them with a certain amount of information about individual Poles who had figure in their reports. In addition, and with the help of Derbyshire, B.2.D. examined on behalf of the police a number of letters and other documents which had been found among Borynski's property.

In the result (as Tineye would say) B.2.D. have satisfied themselves that there was no security implication in the case and they have confirmed that the facts contained in Herbert's letter are already known to the police. There is really nothing further that we can or ought to do and I think you will agree that there would not be any advantage in our seeing Herbert about it.

/I do

G.M.Liddell, Esq., C.B., C.B.E.,
18 Richmond Court, M.C.,
Sloane Street, S.W.1.

W.H.O.
21/9/53
21.9.53

I do hope you have had a good holiday at
Lambay and that, if you are now back in London I shall
see something of you soon. As you will have gathered,
my first few weeks have not been very peaceful and I
should like to tell you how things are going.

O. G. WHITE

S.E. No. 1 (Flimsy)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

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Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

ENCL. —

15 SEP 1953

TO

day of 195

11th

September,

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SUBJECT

Henryk

BORYNSKI

Reference to Papers

407/53/610

Further to my report of 31st August dealing with enquiries made into the disappearance of Father Henryk BORYNSKI, the Polish priest missing from Bradford, and particularly with the theory that as a member of the Salesian Order he might have received certain instructions from the Order abroad:

It has now been definitely established through enquiries of the Apostolic Delegate in London that no instructions were ever issued to Father Borynski by any channel connected with the Vatican.

It has also been confirmed that no instructions have been issued to Father Borynski by the headquarters of the Salesian Order in Turin, Italy, either direct or through the Provincial in London.

This only leaves the unlikely possibility that his Superior in Poland could issue an order which could be secretly conveyed to Father Borynski. Attempts are being made to clear this point, particularly as it is realised by the Vatican that if a situation could be created in Poland whereby priests abroad could be directed by their superiors in that country (possibly under pressure from the Polish secret police) it would have grave consequences for the Roman Catholic Church. It is not thought that if such a situation arose Father Borynski would obey such an order without consulting either the Vatican or the headquarters of his Order in Turin.

Inspector

Submitted

Chief Inspector

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.

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METROPOLITAN POLICE

SPECIAL BRANCH

ENCL

17 SEP 1953

TO

REF 753000

SUBJECT

REMARKS

REFERENCE

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Draft Letter/Minute to:

Captain Guy LIDDELL, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

Approved by

Date 11.9.53.

No. of Copies P.F. 723009 (BORYNSKI)

Our Ref. P.F. 61631/B2D/FGB

For Signature by D.G.

Their Ref.

Date

Despatched on

We have examined with some interest, and not entirely without sympathy, the note addressed to you on 27 August last by Auberon HERBERT about "the serious situation (in Bradford) arising out of the disappearance of Father BORYNSKI".

Serpell's section has been following the case closely for signs of security implications, and so far none has been observed. We must regard it, therefore, as an ordinary "missing persons" case in which the responsibility for investigation is vested in the local Police.

We have, however, done our best to help the Police by making available to them information in our records and, when invited, by proffering advice out of our experience in the Polish emigre world. In this connexion I must say that the facts, and much of the conjecture, contained in HERBERT's note have already ~~involved~~ ^{occupied} the Police.

As an exercise in criminal detection the development of this highly-publicised affair is hardly to be regarded as classical, but I imagine that HERBERT's strongly critical view of it reflects in part inflamed alien passions and his own subjective interest.

You will agree that we are well out of this affair.

Redraft in
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All communications to be addressed to the Chief Constable.

TELEPHONE No. 23422



JMH

CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS,

TOWN HALL,

BRADFORD, 1,

YORKS.

HERBERT S. PRICE
Chief Constable

Our Ref. D.O.I.

Your Ref. PF. 723009/PMS/TH

4th September, 1953.

ENCL.

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5 SEP 1953

TO

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REF

PF. 723009

3/9

Dear Sir,

Father Henryk Borynski

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 3rd September, 1953, the contents of which have been noted.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Constable

The Director General,
Box 500,
Parliament Street, B.O.,
LONDON S.W.1.

Wf No
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64a

FF. 723009/PLS/TH

D.O.

3 September, 1953.

Dear Mr. Price,

Father Henryk BORYNSKI.

Reference your letter of 1 September and previous correspondence about the above named Polish priest. The letters found at his house, which you so kindly forwarded, are now returned. Photostat copies of the letters from his mother have been made and retained by us.

Enquiries about BORYNSKI's trips to London have not disclosed any sinister side to his character or that of his contacts, nor have we gathered any information about the 60 lbs. of caustic soda bought by MARTYNELLIS.

Although, with you, we feel that there is something odd about the last letter from BORYNSKI's mother, there appears to be no way in which we can at present assist in your investigations although, of course, we shall be pleased to know of any further developments in this very intriguing case, and should anything of interest come to our knowledge we shall immediately let you know.

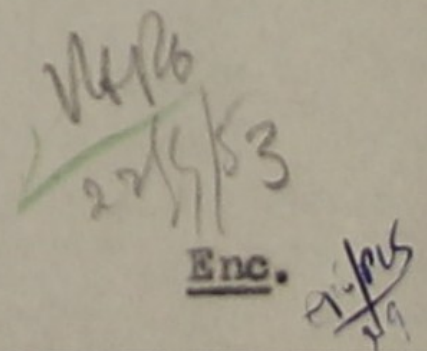
Yours sincerely,



T. Holmes.

H.S. Price, Esq.,
Chief Constable,
Bradford City Constabulary.

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S.B. No. 1 (Flimsy)

METROPOLITAN POLICE

Special Report }

D.G. Sec.

File is en route
to you from PLS
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SPECIAL BRANCH,

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TO B2J 319

REF PF 723 009

.....day of.....195.....

31st

August,

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SUBJECT

Father Henryk
SLV HW 2-9
BORYNSKI

Reference to Papers

File No:

407/53/610

With reference to Father Henryk BORYNSKI, the Polish priest who has been missing from Bradford since the 13th July, 1953, and the letters of the 8th, 12th, 15th and 21st August from the Chief Constable, Bradford City Police, requesting certain enquiries be made concerning his disappearance.

In the letter and report of the 8th August, a request is made for confirmation that the disappearance of Father BORYNSKI had been broadcast from Radio Free Europe.

Enquiries of the headquarters of this organisation in Munich now show that the disappearance of Father BORYNSKI was broadcast from Radio Free Europe to Poland on the morning of July 18th, and was repeated during that day. The only information given was that contained in the official hand-out circulated by Reuters and no comment was made. Subsequent to that date Radio Free Europe have made no broadcast comments on the priest's disappearance. Information has also been received that in a Mass for Poles said for Father KASZUBOWSKI and broadcast by Radio Paris on Sunday 19th July, prayers were said in Polish for Father BORYNSKI.

Opportunity has been taken to check whether the Polish section of Radio Free Europe in Munich have at any time approached Father BORYNSKI with a view to his employment by them as suggested by Z. MALINOWSKI and mentioned in Bradford City Police report of the 22nd July, 1953, and it can now be definitely stated that there was no communication whatsoever between Radio Free Europe and Father BORYNSKI who, until his disappearance, was in fact unknown to that organisation.

With regard to the letters of the 12th and

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15th August drawing attention to the fact that Father BORYNSKI was a member of the Salesian Order, and may have been recalled on some secret mission by that Order, enquiries have been made through the Apostolic Delegate in London who states that he has no knowledge of Father BORYNSKI receiving any special instructions either from the Vatican or from the Salesian Order, the headquarters of which are in Turin, Italy. Although it cannot be ruled as impossible that Father BORYNSKI may be obeying instructions from his Superior in Poland, it is considered extremely unlikely. Although a former Provincial of the Salesian Order in London, who has a knowledge of BORYNSKI, has stated that the latter has always regarded himself as responsible to his Polish Superior, i.e. The Provincial of the Salesian Order in Poland, enquiries suggest that Father BORYNSKI has used this apparent allegiance to the Salesian Order mainly to avoid being directed to duties by the Polish Church Authorities in this country with which he has not been in agreement.

Father BORYNSKI was well aware that political pressure has been brought to bear on many priests in Poland and that the Church in Poland is no longer free. At the conclusion of his studies in this country Father BORYNSKI sought orders from the Salesian Superior in Poland as to whether he should consider returning to that country and at that time, some years ago, he was informed that he should remain for work outside Poland.

In any case, instructions from the Salesian Order should inevitably come through or in collaboration with the Vatican and no communication has been received to this effect through the normal channels. However, the Apostolic Delegate in London is communicating with the Vatican and also with the headquarters of the Salesian Order in Turin in order to definitely establish whether any instructions could possibly have been given to Father BORYNSKI. It is also hoped, through certain very delicate and confidential sources, to ascertain whether any orders have been issued from Father BORYNSKI's Congregation which is at Lodz, Poland.

A number of enquiries have been made in London in order to assist in a conclusion concerning the disappearance of Father BORYNSKI. From Church

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authorities who know him well, it has been learned that the Father was regarded as something of a showman. He had a special aptitude for theatricals and a great urge to carry out the main task of his Order, which is the welfare of children.

One opinion common to all circles is that Father BORYNSKI has never done anything which should make him a particular target for the Polish Communist authorities and after mature thought most of the Catholic Church dignitaries in London agree that there is no reason to suppose that he has been kidnapped and taken to Poland. As partial confirmation of this it has now been established that Father BORYNSKI has not left this country on a Polish vessel. The only ship about which confirmation cannot be obtained is the Russian ship "Gribojedov" which, as mentioned in the Special Branch report of the 30th July might have been used for the purpose.

Opinion in Catholic circles in London also suggests that the priestly enmity between Father BORYNSKI and Father MARTYNELIS has been much aggravated by the weak action of the Vicar General of the Polish Catholic Mission in London. Nevertheless, it is felt that the recent behaviour of Father MARTYNELIS indicates a very uneasy conscience and that his story of the attack made upon him is a form of escapism.

Father CZERMIAWSKI who was mentioned in my report of the 14th August as being in contact with Father MARTYNELIS has since been seen in London and he is quite certain in his own mind that Father MARTYNELIS was never attacked, although he cannot be sure that the Father was not in fact visited by certain people and threatened.

It is also felt in Catholic circles that if any circumstance damaging to the reputation of Father BORYNSKI had arisen, then such a fact would surely have been told to Father MARTYNELIS. It might be possible that faced with the prospect of denunciation, Father BORYNSKI has decided to leave the district. People here who know Father BORYNSKI believe that being a showman such a walk-out would be in accordance with his temperament and it is noted that when he left his home he had perhaps deliberately left behind his Police registration book and his Home Office document of identity.

Faced with the question of the £300 remaining in his bank account it has been suggested by an authoritative person that the Bradford Parish was an extremely remunerative one and that it is not improbable that Father BORYNSKI may have had other sums of money at his disposal.

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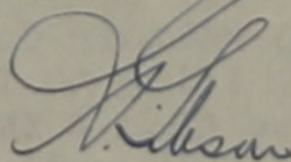
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Apart from these speculations no concrete information has yet come to hand to assist the enquiry into this case.

With regard to the Bradford City Police report of the 21st August, 1953, concerning a telephone call received from a Miss WATKINS of Egham, Surrey; Miss Eleanor Gordon WATKINS, 8 Northcroft Villas, Englefield Green, Egham, is well known to Metropolitan Police, the Home Office, and other Government Departments by whom she and her mother are described as "living in a world of intrigue conceived by themselves". They are the subject of correspondence 51/48/68 which shows that they have frequently called at New Scotland Yard making rambling statements about Polish affairs and under these circumstances it is considered that no useful purpose would be served by an interview with Miss WATKINS as once contact is made her subsequent attentions are embarrassing.

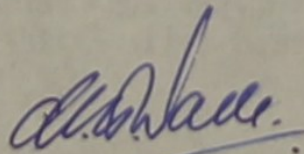
Special Branch have reliable informants at the Polish White Eagle Club who would undoubtedly be aware of any information which might be available to Miss WATKINS, and the possibility of Father BORYNSKI boarding the Russian ship has already been dealt with.

With regard to CYNAR, this man, Stanislaw CYNAR, born 24th May, 1905, at Drabinianka was ordained as a priest in the Przemyśl Diocese of Poland and came to this country as a chaplain with the Polish 2nd Corps. He resides at 59 Landon Road, S.W.9, and is the Vice-chairman of the Association of Friends of Polish Children, 50, Nightingale Lane, S.W.12, an organisation sponsored by the Polish Socialist Party. He has a good reputation and no adverse comment has been made concerning his conduct as a priest.

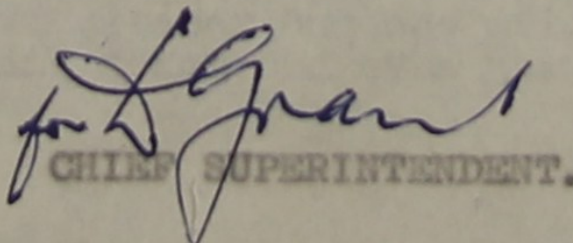


Inspector.

Submitted.



Chief Inspector.


CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.

All communications to be addressed to the Chief Constable.

TELEPHONE No. 23422

HERBERT S. PRICE
Chief Constable

Our Ref. D.O.

Your Ref.

CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS,

TOWN HALL,

BRADFORD, 1,

YORKS.

D01/DS

PLS try Holmes

We spoke

and B2D
4/9

1st September, 1953.

CONFIDENTIAL.

TO

JR 2SEP 1953 B2 D

B2D ~~GB~~

REF

F. 723 009

1/9

Dear Sir,

Father Henryk BORYNSKI

Salvo re 2/9

I refer to previous correspondence hereon, and in particular to my letter of the 15th ultimo, and should be pleased to know if you have any information regarding the 60 lbs. caustic soda bought by Father MARTYNELIS and stated by him to have been sent to an address in Poland, mentioned in the letter.

There are no further developments in this city, but enquiries are being continued amongst the Polish population.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Constable.

The Director General,
Box 500,
Parliament Street B.O.,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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NOTERe Bradford Police Letter at 51Z and P.L.S. report at 51A

61A

1. Letters from BORYNSKI's desk: These have been looked through by B.4.D. Mr. Derbyshire together with CHUB and their comments are at 56B.

2. The letters are of little interest with the exception of those from BORYNSKI's mother - B and T (photostats behind 51Z) - linked with the letter addressed by the mother Anna BORYNSKA to the Polish Parish, Bradford (see 35D). It should be mentioned that BORYNSKI could not have received letter B as it was posted in Poland on 11.7.53. and he disappeared from his lodgings on the evening of 13.7.53. As the Police point out, this letter acknowledges one from BORYNSKI received on 15.6.53. and only 11 days later 22.7.53. the mother writes to the Parish and not to her son, pleading for news. This second letter appears to be in the same hand as the previous two, but it is on better paper and obviously more carefully worded and written, leaving a distinct impression that it has been drafted and copied. It is possible that the old lady did this herself as the addressee is a stranger and not her son, but the draft could have been made by a member of her family or by some Polish official (U.B. or other) with a view to drawing information about the disappearance. In this connection it is relevant to mention that Radio Free Europe broadcast the Reuter report without comment on Saturday 18.7.53; and prayers for BORYNSKI were included in the Mass broadcast from Paris the following Sunday. The mother herself might thus have heard of her son's disappearance although there is no direct reference to it in the letter dated 22.7.53. On the other hand, the Polish Embassy in London cannot have missed the blare of publicity in the British Press and presumably reported to Warsaw.

3. Letter H. We can find no reference in this to a broadcast by BORYNSKI and the Rev. Leon TRAWICKI who translated it for the Police admits to not understanding it. On the other hand, the Mass broadcast to Poland by BORYNSKI in September 1952 (mentioned in his mother's letter of 30.10.52. - T) probably took place at Brompton Oratory where the writer of the letter GOGOLINSKI is said to be in charge.

4. The other letters are almost all from parishioners or from Polish priests in Poland and elsewhere. Apart from showing that BORYNSKI's mother was not his only correspondent in Poland these appear of no interest.

5. Blue folder from BORYNSKI's lodgings (brought by Mr. Holmes from Wakefield) would appear to be one of a series as it is labelled on binding edge and front cover with the subject of its contents, which deal namely with BORYNSKI's contact with the Yorkshire branch of the Polish Socialist Party.

6. It seems therefore that BORYNSKI had papers other than those submitted to us, but they may have been obviously unconnected with his disappearance. If the informant at 49B(1) is to be believed, not only Father CZORNY of Leeds but also one DUDINSKI had access to the desk before the Police.

7. Followers of MARTYNELLIS. We have no trace of any of these people with the exception of Edward FLORKIEWICZ (P.F.152435) about whom we have corresponded with Bradford in 1952 because of his lowly association with P.T.K.S. (Polish Social and Cultural Association).

8. BORYNSKI's trip to London on 15 - 18 June 1953. This appears to have been quite open and above-board. S.B. report on this is covered in my note at 59A.

9. Of the six theories put up at 51A, like the Police I still favour that of murder. We do not know how far the Police have pursued the logical steps on this line but I should have thought they could have expended some energy on interrogating the supporters of MARTYNELLIS and not quite so much on that rascal himself. As suggested by Mr. HERBERT, they might even yet dig up some cellars as caustic soda is said to be less expeditious in body disposal than he states. In that locality, however, I believe there are many easier ways of disposing of a body (pot-holes etc.)

10. Even while not subscribing very warmly to theories 3 and 4, I consider

X She may have been afraid of referring to the disappearance in case her Censorship reported her for listening to Western broadcasts.

We should not commit on this

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our photographs should be returned to Bradford so that the informant Zbigniew MALINOWSKI (11A paragraph 17) can be asked to identify the Pole whom he directed to BORYNSKI's address some months back and whom he believed to be connected with Wladyslaw OPALINSKI of the P.T.K.S. *Yes*

11. I suggest that Bradford should be advised on the above lines.

D.M. Quin
D.M. Quin

B2D/DMQ
31.8.53.

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59A

NOTE FOR FILE

I telephoned Special Branch and spoke to both Inspectors Johnson and Gibson with reference to BORYNSKI's visit to London on 15th June when, according to CZORNY, BORYNSKI did not attend a Church conference but excused himself by saying that he was going to look for school furniture.

2. Special Branch told me that they knew that BORYNSKI had been in the habit of visiting London about once a month and that on these occasions he usually distributed discreetly among his supporters gifts of eggs, butter etc. which he had received from his parishoners. From memory both officers were almost certain that BORYNSKI was in London at the date mentioned ~~and~~ that he went to Devonian ~~Road~~ where he had fire-side conferences with a number of people who later assisted Mr. Johnson by describing BORYNSKI's rosary in connection with the rosary found by the porter at Euston. They also remembered that about the same time BORYNSKI saw a young girl with whom he had been practising the violin.

3. One of BORYNSKI's main interests in life was the care of children - apparently a principal objective of the Salesian Order - and was known to be planning a school or club for Polish children in Bradford.

4. Mr. Gibson offered to check with Devonian ~~Road~~ whether their recollections on the matter of dates were correct.

5. Whilst talking, I asked Mr. Gibson about the broadcast by Radio Free Europe and he confirmed that on Saturday the 18th of July Radio Free Europe broadcast the Reuter handout referring to BORYNSKI's disappearance without comment. He also mentioned that in the Mass broadcast from Paris on the following Sunday, prayers were said for Father BORYNSKI.

6. Mr. Gibson rang me back shortly afterwards to say that BORYNSKI came to London and stayed at Devonian Road from the 15th to the 18th of June. There was a Church conference at that date but BORYNSKI had no right to attend and was not invited. He had, however, asked permission to come to London at the time and during his visit he called on the Polish Committee for the Education of Poles. Devonian Road had confirmed that BORYNSKI made fairly regular monthly visits to London but on every occasion he asked for permission from the Order and never made any attempt to hide himself.

D.M. Quin
D.M. Quin

B2D/DMQ
28.8.53.

1412
23/8/53

QMC/B2D
28.8.53

58A

Received by Captain Guy Liddell,
retired M.I.5., and passed by him
to M.I.5. on 27.8.53.

Copy in: P.F.61631 (A. HERBERT)

My dear Guy

If you think my point 6 concerning
poor old Rushworth indiscreet, I will
amend it if you return it to 11 Neville
Terrace.

With many thanks

Yours

Dubouin

(HERBERT)

(in gr haste)

VAD
23/5/63

DuckB2D
28.8.53

58A

Pixton,
Dulverton.
25th August 1953

My dear Guy,

I am very sorry to bother you just at the moment when you are off to Ireland, but I felt that things in Bradford are sufficiently wrong to deserve the immediate attention of qualified investigators - by "qualified" I mean people with the experience and calibre to deal with a really menacing situation concerning both the largest Polish exile community in the north of England and the Catholic Church. The Bradford C.I.D. is very clearly not on the level required.

as the chairman of the Central Council of the Anglo-Polish Society
Bradford I was had up to Bradford by the former chairman of the Anglo-Polish Society, a baker called Tommy Neale, who has a uniquely good experience of the Polish exiles and very considerable influence among them. He asked me to come because he considered the situation arising from the disappearance of Father Borynski to be extremely serious, indeed menacing. I think that he is quite correct.

I do not propose to go into very full details, because if a more serious and intelligent investigation of the affair than that undertaken by the Bradford police is put in hand, whoever is in charge will have to plough through a very considerable dossier. There are, however, certain salient facts which I would like to emphasise:

1. Through Neale I had a evening's conference with the leaders of the Polish community, all serious and responsible people. There was the doctor, the chairman of the ex-combatants Association, a former Polish Public Prosecutor, and a couple of ^{engineers} in good positions. All of them, (sane and responsible men) are solidly convinced that Father Martynellis, the former incumbent of the parish, together with certain associates, brought about the murder of Father Borynski. Although responsibility for the crime - ~~although~~ indeed the body has not yet been found - has not been established, this belief is very widely held and much talked about among the Poles, and a very unpleasant ferment is being created.
2. There is a great deal of circumstantial evidence to support this conclusion. Father Martynellis is a man with a really abominable character, and a disgrace to the Polish priesthood, and has for years been a thorn in the flesh of the Bradford Poles. He has done all in his power to sabotage the Anglo-Polish Society, the

Polish Ex-combatants Association, and in fact any and every organisation which would not contribute directly and wholly to his own pocket. He has used his pulpit as a demagogical means of spreading a mutual distrust among the Poles, and hatred of England. He has also lived a life of open immorality with a girl whom he picked up at an ~~D.P.~~ camp and now alleges to be his niece. After very many persevering efforts, in which I played a revelant part, he was eventually removed from his Cure and a most excellent young Salesian appointed in his place. From the moment of Father Borynski's arrival, Martynellis played up like Mossadeq, to whom he bears a marked resemblance. He continued holding church services in competition, delivered a number of most vindictive sermons, and refused either to hand over his parish records or to take over an alternative parish which had been offered to him. Owing to the fact that the Polish Ecclesiastical authorities in England are somewhat pussy-footed and, in any case, in a somewhat delicate predicament as between the authority of the Polish exile Bishop in Rome and the British Hierarchy, no extreme pressure was applied and it was obviously hoped that time would prove a healer. During the few months of Father Borynski's administration Martynellis managed to separate from the main body of the parish a small personal following, in which the most important figures are a certain Captain Buk-owczyk, and a former sergeant in the Polish Secret Police, who is the brother-in-law of Martynellis's mistress, ~~his name Grzybkowski~~ NT. He is reputed to be a thug, and potentially a competent killer.

3. Father Martynellis had motive - i.e. hatred and a desire for vengeance - and means, i.e. the above-mentioned thugs, to commit such a crime. There are certain very suspicious circumstances such as various telephone calls (in matter too detailed for this letter) and his purchase, which has not been satisfactorily explained, of 60 lbs. of caustic soda. There was also arranged what appears to be a carefully planned mis-en scene accounting for the movements of Martynellis and his associates at the time of the disappearance.
4. There has been no suggestion from responsible Poles, who would be the first to suggest it, or from the Police or Special Branch, of Communist participation in this affair, nor is there any evident motive for such.
5. Everyone, myself included, whether British or Polish who had any knowledge of Father Borynski, considers him a most admirable priest and finds it unthinkable that he would have abandoned his parish without a word. Both his life and background are completely uncomplicated in any way, exemplary and blameless.

There were both
looked up on the
Police list.
N.T.
GRZYBKOWSKI.

He made this purchase
in the fortnight immediately
preceding Borynski's
disappearance, and says
that he sent the soda to
Poland, but this is not
satisfactorily established.
This quantity of soda will
dissolve a body underground
in about six weeks.

This has been established to everyone's satisfaction, excepting that of the local Police, who like to think of the Vatican as some kind of cloak and dagger enterprise which can spirit priests away to Rome at a moment's notice without explanation, and perhaps because of Martynellis's character, are now deeply suspicious of any and every Catholic priest.

6. The Police investigation has been in the hands of Superintendent Rusworth, a man who is, I imagine, physically on the eve of retirement, and mentally somewhat beyond it. He is perplexed and bewildered by all the foreign names and cross-currents. He is also naturally hostile to Catholicism and particularly suspicious of the reticence of Canon Czorny, the head Polish priest in Yorkshire, who may have relevant information which he cannot divulge owing to the confessional seal. Rusworth is at sea, and would like to see the last of this investigation, but he cannot do so because he is conscientious and knows in his bones that it was a murder and who instigated it. I believe that he would have dropped it had it not been for the conspicuously guilty episode, when Martynellis framed an imaginary attack and alleged threat in matches. He is heartily sick of the whole business, and has sent his two subordinates primarily concerned on holiday. He has shown insufficient perseverance (a) in not digging up the cellars of the three main suspects, (b) in not grilling them properly, which, I am sure, would produce results. He keeps on harping on the sacrosanctity of British legal methods, but is prepared to encourage the Polish ex-combatants in more drastic expedients, of which I profoundly disapprove.
7. When I said to Rusworth that I feared that strong Polish resentment might lead to the murder of Martynellis, he agreed with me that this might be the case, but said that his principal fear was for any successor appointed to take Father Borynski's place. This should serve as an illustration of the peculiar conditions now existing at Bradford.

In conclusion, I feel that the Poles in Bradford who as a peasant community place all their trust in their priest are badly upset by these events, and that a nasty and unpredictable series of things may happen if the affair remains long unsolved. In particular, I feel that this is manna to the Communists and may create a security problem. Also, it shows British Justice in a somewhat futile light. Therefore, I feel that the whole business should be taken up by a knowledgeable and competent person with the requisite type of experience. That is why I am appealing to you in the hope that you may interest someone of the type required. If the matter should be taken up a full background can be obtained

*IV.B. Martynellis has
1. to Rusworth &
conducted himself
the whole way through
the investigation*

written

*Bukowczyk and
Grzybkowski have
only a mutual alibi
for the time of the
disappearance and night,
I believe, he shaken if
questioned hard.*

from Neale ,whose address is : 55 Swaine House Road, Idle,
Bradford.

I am leaving England on the 29th for a month at Porto Fino
but would be available asfrom Thursday lunchtime till Saturday
afternoon at 11 Neville Terrace, S.W.7 , Telephone KNI 1122 .

Again with many apologies for bothering you,

*Yours ever
Arthur Herbert.*

SECRET

Copy to: P.F.152435 (FKORKIEWICZ)

57A

24th August, 1953.

✓ P.F.723009/B2D/DMQ

D.O.S.B.12.

Dear Sir,

Father Henryk BORYNSKI

I return with many thanks, the 24 Aliens Registration Cards for the supporters of Father MARTYNELIS.

2. We have no trace in our records of any of these people with the exception of Edward FLORKIEWICZ, who was the subject of correspondence between us ending with our letter B2C/AHC of 5.5.52. Your last reference was D.O.S.B.23. dated 24.4.52.

Yours faithfully,

pmc

Sir Percy Sillitoe

The Chief Constable,
Bradford City Police,
Town Hall,
Bradford,
Yorks.

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B.2.D Mrs. Quin *24/8*SECRET

With reference to the attached documents found in BORYNSKI's flat, CHUB and I examined the various letters and have come to the following conclusions:

- 1) Folder marked in Polish "Organizacie Cywilnie" (Civilian Organisation) contains nothing of interest. In the main it deals with Father BORYNSKI's relations with the Yorkshire Section of the Polish Socialist Party.
- 2) Correspondence found in BORYNSKI's desk also is of little interest. Most of the letters are either from Polish parishioners or Polish priests in Krakow, Rome and Paris.
- 3) An old letter from BORYNSKI's mother dated 30.10.52. (marked T) contains a postscript from a woman who added a similar postscript (in pencil) on BORYNSKI's mother's last letter to her son dated 11.7.53. It seems that she is BORYNSKI's sister-in-law, married to Stanislaw ? BORYNSKI.
- 4) Mrs. BORYNSKI's last letter addressed to the Polish Ecclesiastical Council dated 22.7.53. is written in a style which differs considerably from her previous letters to her son. It is therefore assumed that she had copied a prepared draft written either by a member of the family or by some other unknown person.

B.4.D
21.8.53.

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F.C.Derbyshire.

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TELEPHONE No. 23422



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 PF 152,435
 FLORISIEWICZ.
 FWB/KH

CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS,

TOWN HALL,

BRADFORD, 1,

YORKS.



HERBERT S. PRICE
 Chief Constable

Our Ref. D.O.S.B.12.

20th August, 1953.

Your Ref. P.F.723009/
 B2D/DMQ.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir,

Father Henryk BORYNSKI

see 512
 With reference to your letter dated the 18th instant, I enclose herewith twenty-four aliens Registration Cards, nineteen males and five females listed as sympathisers and supporters of Father Martynelis. I should be glad if you would return them as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

ENCL. as stated

BS 27 AUG 1953

[Signature]
 Chief Constable.

TO B2D

REF PF 723009

B2D 18/8

Sir Percy Sillitoe, C.B.E., D.L.,
 Box 500,
 Parliament Street, B.O.,
 LONDON, S.W.1.

429/8.

[Handwritten notes]
 22.8.53

FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

Penny Mail

Date 19. 8. 52

THE MISSING PRIEST: MOSCOW HAS SENT ORDERS AND MONEY

From LAURENCE WILKINSON : Bradford, Tuesday.

THERE is a silent man, or there may be silent men, in the mystery of Father Henry Borynski, the Polish priest who vanished after receiving a telephone call in his presbytery at Bradford six weeks ago. The detectives investigating his case said today: "Not the slightest development of any sort. We have no clue and have never had one."

Yet Poles among Bradford's community of 6,000 foreigners suspect there are men who could throw light on the disappearance, if they wished.

A member of Bradford Polish Combatants Club said last night: "There are some Poles, Lithuanians, and Ukrainians who, we are satisfied, are working under the orders of Moscow."

Paid in cash

The club member went on: "In some cases they are paid in cash and live well, though with no visible source of income. "In others the inducement is a promise of good treatment or a passage to England for some loved relative left behind in Eastern Europe."

Immigration authorities in London say that it would have been a matter of comparative simplicity to smuggle Father Borynski aboard one of several foreign vessels travelling to Iron Curtain countries.

The approach of British officials to these vessels is signalled by look-out men, and warning of their movements about the ship is transmitted in advance over the ship's communication system. After they have left, unauthorised passengers are sometimes smuggled aboard.

His free will?

Bradford police do not rule out the possibility that Father Borynski left for Poland either of his own free will or under duress. Superintendent Rushworth, who is in charge of the case, said he has no evidence on which he could regard the inquiry as one of murder.

"Foul play has been in our minds ever since Father Borynski disappeared," he explained, "but it is not established."

The "foul play" might include keeping the priest under detention against his will, but the possibility is not ruled out that he disappeared voluntarily for his own reasons.

His successor

A successor to Father Borynski is likely to be appointed soon by Mgr. Ladislaus Staniszewski, head of the Polish-Catholic Church in Britain.

Yesterday, at the greystone church of Czeŝchowa and St. Casimer in drab Devonla-road, Islington, the secretary to Mgr. Staniszewski said:

"It is still very baffling what has happened to Father Borynski. Unless there is some news soon the monsignor will have to make a new appointment."

"When will that be? In a week, perhaps two or three. Almost certainly in a month. It is up to the monsignor. Only he need decide."

With that, there came an inquiry from Mr. George Craddock, Socialist M.P. for Bradford South.

He has written to the Home Secretary, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, asking for information. Last night Mr. Craddock said:

"I will see the Chief Constable to discuss the situation."

"We must have this thing cleared up, one way or another. It is causing a lot of trouble."

SECRET

Copy in PF 152,436
FLORKIEWICZ.

54A

18th August, 1953.

P.F.723009/B2D/DMQ

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Dear Sir,

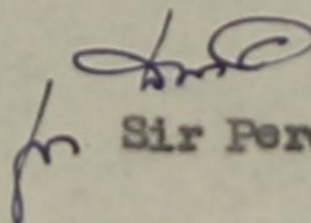
Father Henryk BORYNSKI

Thank you for your letter of 15th August 1953
with enclosures.

2. We are looking through the papers found in Father
BORYNSKI's lodgings and shall pass you our comments as soon
as possible.

3. In the meanwhile we should be grateful for the loan
of the Aliens Registration Cards for the aliens listed by you
as sympathisers and supporters of Father MARTYNEL^{as 512}/IS. We will
then check with our records and let you know if any of these
people have adverse traces.

Yours faithfully,


Sir Percy Sillitoe

The Chief Constable,
Bradford City Police,
Town Hall,
Bradford,
Yorks.

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News CHRONICLE

Missing priest is sought abroad

The search for Father Henry Borynski, missing chaplain of Bradford's 1,500 Poles, has spread to West Germany and Italy, where he spent his last holiday. Police are now convinced he was murdered.

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FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

Penny Mail

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Priest says: All this mystery is making me ill

From LAURENCE WILKINSON: Bradford, Monday

FATHER ARTHUR BORISLAW MARTYNELLIS, 58-year-old former parish priest to the Poles of Bradford, spoke to me tonight of "the serious effect" on his health and happiness caused by inquiries into the unexplained disappearance of his successor.

Since 42-year-old Father Henry Borynski vanished on July 3 police have several times interviewed Father Martynellis and once searched his home.

Eventually, after he was found collapsed at his home, he was told by a doctor that his story of having been attacked in his study by two men probably arose from an hallucination.

'Under strain'

Father Martynellis gingerly fingered the crown of his head and said: "The marks of where I was struck from behind are here."

"They weren't there when the doctor looked, but they have come out since."

"I asked the doctor if hallucination could explain the pain I felt, but he seemed to think it was all due to nerves."

"I have been under a great mental strain. It's true—who wouldn't in the circumstances?"

"Bad people suggested to the police that I killed Father Borynski."

"The police came and started questioning. I didn't remember at all what I did or where I was on July 3, because my niece was away and I didn't get myself any regular meals."

'A strong man'

"As it was, I first told the police that Father Borynski came to see me about breakfast time on that day. But that was not true because I had no breakfast and went into town for something."

"Afterwards I remembered that it was between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. when he called."

"The police said 'May we see your house, because if someone suggests that he could have been killed, then if we look, perhaps there are some marks on the carpet.'"

"To kill without blood is rather impossible. There is poisoning, of course, but what to do with his body?"

"I am an old man generally in bad health, and Father Borynski was a pretty strong man and big, weighing over 18 stone. That would have made it difficult."

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Translated from Polish Daily

17.8.53 - Rec'd 18.8.53

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FATHER BORYNSKI DID NOT OCCUPY HIMSELF WITH POLITICS.

HAS THE LOST PRIEST BEEN SEEN IN LONDON ?

Bradford (from our own correspondent). Rumours have arisen recently, to the effect that Father Henry BORYNSKI might have been the head of some secret anti-communist Polish organization in England. These rumours were spread determinedly by the British press. The leaders of the Polish community in Bradford however, maintain quite definitely that there are no grounds at all for this theory.. It is true that Father BORYNSKI founded a Catholic society for men, women and young people, but it is untrue that he founded any organization of a political nature.

The Police say they have failed to discover any fresh clues which might help lead to the tracking down of the lost priest. One of the Poles, who maintained that he saw Fr. BORYNSKI in London, ~~xxxxxx~~ is to give evidence next week as to the exact spot where he was seen.

George CRADDOCK, the M.P. for South Bradford, continues to take an interest in this case. Evidently he is to address a letter to the Home Secretary requesting him for information about the lost priest.

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B.2.D. Mr. Serpell.

On the 13th August, 1953, Det. Supt. Rushworth and D.O. Naylor, of Bradford, spent two hours with me at my hotel in Wakefield, and we discussed the various aspects of the BORYNSKI case.

2 Broadly speaking the Police believe that there are six possible solutions to his disappearance:-

1. That he has been murdered and that Father MARTYNELLIS' followers are responsible.
2. That he has been sent away on a secret mission by the Salesian Order to which he belongs.
3. That he is a Polish agent.
4. That he has been kidnapped or blackmailed into disappearing at the instance of the Polish Government.
5. That he has voluntarily disappeared because of an illicit relationship with a woman or some such thing and has been told to vanish to obviate scandal.
6. Suicide.

3 Theory No. 5 is the solution suggested by Father MARTYNELLIS but there is no evidence to support it.

4 Theory No. 1 is that most favoured by the Bradford Police. Oddly enough, at this moment there is a man, MOORE by name, awaiting trial at Bradford for murdering a car dealer whose body he buried in a nearby wood. MOORE went to the Police and disclosed his guilt almost immediately and a search was made for the buried corpse. Much local Press publicity was given to the fact that the Police, guided by the murderer himself, had great difficulty in finding it. To a potential murderer this case could well suggest that the task of disposing of a dead body would be an easy one. A motive for murder could easily have arisen from the feud between BORYNSKI and MARTYNELLIS. The latter has an alibi at the time of BORYNSKI's disappearance but he has a number of close adherents whom the Police call his "bodyguard" who might be involved. One is an ex-Police Chief of Vilna. Det. Supt. Rushworth is going to send to this Office a list of MARTYNELLIS' "bodyguard" in the hope that we may have some information about them on our files. The conduct of MARTYNELLIS himself has been most odd. At one of the interviews he had with the Police he said he knew something about BORYNSKI but it was more than his life was worth to divulge it. Det. Supt. Rushworth arranged an interview between MARTYNELLIS and Father CZORNEY, of Leeds, and alone together they had a long conversation in Polish. CZORNEY says MARTYNELLIS then told him that what he knew he had learned from the Confessional and could not disclose it. Rushworth then induced the Bishop of Leeds to summon MARTYNELLIS to an interview there. At that interview the Bishop says MARTYNELLIS contended that CZORNEY had misunderstood him, probably because the matter had been discussed in English, which is absurd because they were speaking in Polish.

5 The incident of the alleged attack on MARTYNELLIS is not creditable to him, whatever may be the truth of it. The doctor who saw him says there were no marks on him (and X-ray examination did not

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disclose any). In fact the doctor says there was nothing at all the matter with him and he must have been shamming. If the message "Be Silent Priest" was constructed by MARTYNELLIS himself then he was attempting to mislead the Police; if it was not, someone unknown believed that he was likely to divulge something he knew and has not disclosed. Whichever be the solution, MARTYNELLIS has obviously not told the complete truth. He is obviously worried and on one occasion recently fainted at Mass. It may be, of course, that even though personally guiltless the whole affair is having a bad effect on his nerves.

6 The Police believe that the BECKS, with whom BORYNSKI lived, are reliable, and there is one point about the telephone conversation which preceded BORYNSKI's departure which may be significant; Mrs. BECK says he was using the equivalent of "Mr." to the caller, not "Father" as he would have done had he been talking to a priest.

7 Another odd circumstance about MARTYNELLIS is that between 1 - 16 July he bought 60 lbs. of caustic soda which he says he sent to a friend in Poland to use as a sort of fertiliser. Unfortunately the G.P.O. cannot confirm or deny that he did, but the Police interest lies in the fact that caustic soda is commonly supposed to hasten decomposition of corpses or make identification impossible. So much for the murder theory.

8 Theory No. 2. From the Polish paper in London came the suggestion that BORYNSKI had gone away on a Secret Mission. This has been discussed with the Bishop of Leeds. BORYNSKI and Father DRYZALOWSKI of Huddersfield are members of a Salesian Order which has its home at the Convent Salesianer, Oswiecim, Poland. BORYNSKI sent occasional parcels to this Convent. It is alleged that on occasion members of this Order are sent, on direct orders from Rome, on secret missions. The Bishop of Leeds admits this but says that usually when this occurs the Priest's superiors are informed that he is leaving. He himself, in another order, went to Russia before the War, under the guise of a Psychiatrist, to study church conditions there. Some effort is being made to check this theory through Special Branch (Inspector Johnson) by approach to the Apostolic Delegate (Godfrey by name) in London. The fact that the Free European Radio, for whom BORYNSKI had considered working, broadcast news of his disappearance, may fit in with this theory. The London office of Free European Radio told CZORNEY of the broadcast. The absence of knowledge of any such mission by the Bishop of Leeds could be explained by the fact that orders for Polish priests do not always go through the same channels as those for British priests.

Theory No. 3: that he is a Polish Agent.

The Police have made a good many enquiries among members of the Polish Ex-Combattant Association in Bradford, and have there picked up the story that a number of Polish Priests were taken to Russia before the war and disappeared. It is now suggested that BORYNSKI is not really BORYNSKI but a Russian Agent masquerading as BORYNSKI. The Polish Ex-Combattants contend that there was a black patch in BORYNSKI's history before the war, which supports this theory. Father DRYZALOWSKI, of St. Patricks, Huddersfield, who is an old friend of BORYNSKI, having known him before the war, and is a member of the same Salesian Order, had discredited this theory.

Theory No. 4.

10 There is nothing to support this except that BORYNSKI preached anti-Communist sermons.

Theory No. 5. This has been covered above.

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12 Theory No. 6.

He had not spoken of suicide and as the BECKs appear to be reliable it seems certain that he really did go out to meet someone.

13 Other Points.

The letter from Poland, of the 22nd July 1953, has no clear explanation but is thought to be inspired because it was addressed to the Polish Parish and not to BORYNSKI himself. The police have seen a letter from Mrs. BORYNSKA and think the handwriting is identical although it has not been subjected to expert examination. The original letter from Poland is now with the Vicar General in London for reply, but Inspector Johnson of S.B. has asked him to withhold his reply for the present.

14 Police enquiries about BORYNSKI's visits to London have not been productive except that from the 15th-18th June he was in London with CZORNEY to attend a Conference which he did not attend, excusing himself on the score that he was looking for school furniture. His visits to London were always made in clerical dress and at about monthly intervals.

15 General Pattern of Police Enquiries.

At first I think the Police welcomed Press interest because publicity in cases of crime frequently produced informants but are now tired of it.

16 The Polish Ex-Combattants Association appears to have supplied translators, the best of which is said to be a girl of 15 years.

17 The Police feel that they are hampered by Roman Catholic secrecy, for one of three reasons:-

- a) To cover a special mission.
- b) To avoid scandal.
- c) To maintain the inviolability of the Confessional.

18 I was somewhat disappointed at the cursory nature of the Police search at BORYNSKI's house. A few letters (attached) which (blue folder) do not include one from his mother were handed to me for examination, to be returned later, but there is apparently a roll-top desk in BORYNSKI's room which has been opened and locked again by Father CZORNEY. As a result of my visit the Police were arranging to reopen the desk on Saturday the 17th August and will send in to this office (512) for examination anything of interest found.

Conclusion.

19 There is really no strong evidence to support any theory but Det. Supt. Rushworth would not be surprised, at any time, to receive a report of BORYNSKI's body being found, buried in caustic soda, in which case MARTYNELLIS might well be persuaded to be more frank than he has so far been. In any case he is to be interrogated again shortly on what he has already said.

20 Bradford Police have received a letter from the Cheshire Police at Crewe, suggesting a Pole, A. DANILCZYK, of 25, Heywood Street, Manchester 8, member of the Slavic European Evangelistic Society, 52 Foots Cray Lane, Sidcup, Kent, may be remotely connected with the case. We apparently received a letter from the Cheshire Police about DANILCZYK in March, 1953, but Bradford Police do not attach much importance to the Cheshire suggestion.

21 The photographs from here taken to Bradford by Mr. Roberts (P.L.S.) are returned with this report. They have not been shown to anyone.

P.L.S.
18.8.53

T. Holmes
T. Holmes.

Tel: BRADFORD 23422

All communications to be addressed to the Chief Constable.

CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS,

TOWN HALL,

BRADFORD, YORKS.

HERBERT S. PRICE,
Chief Constable.

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Dear Sir,

Father Henryk BORYNSKI

15th August, 1953

Spoke to Mr Holmes &
agreed to ask for ARCs of
Poles listed. @
JMS

ENCL 2 pages - 1 copy
17 AUG 1953
TO: B2D
REF: 723009

Further to previous correspondence, and the meeting of my Detective Superintendent with your Mr. Holmes, on the 13th instant, I forward herewith a number of letter which have been removed from the residence of the above-named.

The letters are marked "A - T", and the following is a translation of these letters, as given to my Officer by the Rev. Leon TRAWICKI, a Polish Priest practicing at Huddersfield:-

A. From Father BORYNSKI's mother in Poland, dated 22nd July, in which she writes to the Parish Office in Bradford, seeking information as she has not heard from her son. She wondered why he had not written for such a long time. She mentioned having terrible dreams and being tortured by despair, as she felt some harm had befallen her son.

translation &
photos etc
attached
behind
+ post. sister-in-law.

B. From Father BORYNSKI's mother in Poland, dated 11th July, in which she expresses thanks for the parcels which her son had sent. The parcels contained foodstuffs and medicines. The postscript in pencil on this letter is apparently written by the sister* of the Rev. BORYNSKI, and she also thanks him for the parcels and wishes him well in his work in Bradford.

C. A letter from POLSKIE SEMINARIUM DUCHOWNE - Paris, in relation to Church matters, dated 2nd July, 1953.

D. A letter with information of the Polish Committee at Diddington. It gives details of the financial state as requested by Father BORYNSKI.

E. From a fellow Priest of the same Order, giving details of intimate relationships of other Priests, who were in the same Order. Also mentioning personal experiences, weather conditions, and enclosing a letter (not attached) for a friend of the writer, living at 6, Cambridge Grove, Eccles, Manchester.

F. From a parishioner at Diddington, asking Father BORYNSKI to find him employment in Bradford, so that he could be near his sister, who resided in Bradford.

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G. From a fellow Pole at Diddington expressing thanks for the camp that Father BORYNSKI had organised in Bradford and Huddersfield, for the boys at Diddington. Also requesting information respecting clothes etc. for a concert which was to be held in honour of General Anders.

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H. From GOGOLINSKI in charge at Brompton Oratory, London, asking Father BORYNSKI to take part in a wireless broadcast to his native country. (This letter was not understood by TRAWICKI very well).

I. From a fellow Priest, Anthony LATKA, of Brazil, in which he talks of personal experiences and complains that the Polish newspaper had not been sent on as per his application earlier in the year, and requesting Father BORYNSKI to make some enquiries on his behalf.

J. From a friend at Hereford, asking for details to organise a concert in honour of General Anders.

K. From a Priest at Rome, giving information respecting cinema projector, religious tracts and pictures for educational purposes, in connection with the Church for young people.

L. From Brazil complaining of delay in answer to his last letter. (See I).

M. From a Priest in Rome, arranging money transfers for the payment of the subject shown at K.

N.1. From a Priest at Lodz giving personal experiences and asking for Father BORYNSKI to buy on his behalf, gold leaf, for decorating the altar of his Church.

N.2. As above - giving prices.

O. Religious matter concerning the Salesian Order of Priests.

P. From a Pole in hospital, thanking Father BORYNSKI for his Easter wishes.

Q. From a young man wishing to enter the Religious Order of Priesthood.

R. Respecting football pools.

S. From a Monastery concerning everyday occurrences.

*This is a copy
attached
behind*

T. From the mother of Father BORYNSKI in Poland, dated 30th October, 1952, thanking him for the parcels and religious tracts and giving family news, and mentioning the broadcast of the 14th September, 1952, when they heard Father BORYNSKI saying the Mass over the radio. There is also a postscript, repeating the mother's news.

Letters 'A' and 'B' appear to be inconsistent, insomuch as letter 'B' appears to answer the last letter written by Father BORYNSKI, whereas letter 'A' which is addressed to the Parish Office in Bradford, and not to Father BORYNSKI, complains that he has not written for a long time.

I enclose also a list of aliens resident in this City, who are known to be sympathisers and supporters of Father MARTYNELIS. I shall be pleased to know if any of these aliens appear in your records.]

Mention was made at the interview with Mr. Holmes, that the purchase by Father MARTYNELIS was 60 lbs. of costic soda from a chemist in this City. When interviewed about this, Father MARTYNELIS said he had sent it to Poland to relatives, and enquiries from the local Post Office reveal the fact that he did send a number of parcels to a family named RUDAWY, Czeska Ul, Olsztyn, Poland. It is not possible to confirm this completely with the Postal Authorities, because my Officer was informed by both the Postal Authorities and Customs at York, that the form of declaration which is required for the sending of such parcels, is sent away with the parcel and no record is made in this country of such parcels having been sent.

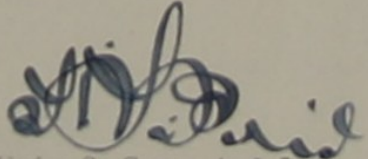
My Detective Superintendent had audience with the Bishop of Leeds on the 13th instant, respecting the religious aspect of the disappearance of Father BORYNSKI, and in particular the suggestion that he had been recalled by the Salesian Order for service in some other part of the world.

The Bishop said that such a recall would be direct from Rome, but it is the invariable practice to notify the Bishop in whose Diocese the Priest is at the time, and the Bishop has not received any such notification respecting Father BORYNSKI. He did inform my Superintendent, however, that complete information respecting any such recall could be obtained by application to the Apostolic Delegate in London, and I am writing the Special Branch, asking them to cause an enquiry to be made.

There is still no information respecting the present whereabouts of Father BORYNSKI.

I shall be pleased if you will return the enclosed letters at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,


Chief Constable

Sir Percy Sillitoe, C.B.E., D.L.,
Box 500,
Parliament Street B.O.,
LONDON. S.W.1.

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SUPPORTERS OF FATHER MARTYNELIS

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Christian name</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>A.R.C. No.</u>
[FLORKIEWICZ,	Edward.]	Polish.	289916. (PF. 152.435) Born 21.11.13. in Poland
WYSOCKI,	Eugeniusz.	Polish.	155211. Born 31.12.96. in Wyszki - Mukomane
BUKOWCZYK,	Wanda.	Polish.	037000. Born 4.7.16. at Elizabetgrad, Russia
BUKOWCZYK,	Eugeniusz Witold.	Polish.	580214. Born 1.8.10. at Lewow.
JAGIEROWNA,	Jadwiga.	Polish.	014389. Born 25.5.19. at Rypin, Poland
BAKOWIEC,	Aleksandra.	Polish.	019669. Born 3.6.10. in Slovenia
CZYZEWSKI,	Zofia.	Polish.	014655. Born 11.3.28. at Gniazowice, Poland
CZYZEWSKI,	Jan.	Polish.	027976. Born 10.11.22. at Wilno
CISZEWSKI,	Mieczyslaw.	Polish.	290172. Born 1.1.14. in Poland
CITOK,	Stefan.	Polish.	027964. Born 1.12.14. in Zapize, Poland
DUDA,	Stefan.	Polish.	241887. Born 16.4.05. in Wawrzyniec
KARAFFA,	Boleslaw KORBUT.	Polish.	148425. Born 9.1.28. in Nowofiedek
GRZYBKOWSKI,	Irena.	Polish.	204368. Born 27.7.12. in Poland
GRZYBKOWSKI,	Stanislaw.	Polish.	822904. Born 3.12.03. in Krzyżonow.
JANKOWSKI,	Boleslaw.	Polish.	043881. Born 2.8.04. at Karczew
JANKOWSKI,	Josef.	Polish.	160772. Born 15.2.19. at in Poland
JANKOWSKI,	Walenty.	Polish.	135631. Born 27.1.10. in Dachowa
KUCEWICZ,	Czeslaw Edmund.	Polish.	284656. Born 17.7.94. in Poland
NIZIOL,	Edward Adam,	Polish.	897152. Born 16.7.15. in Ryestachowa, Poland.
PUC,	Karol.	Polish.	350219. Born 25.10.02. in Hadle - Kanczajskie
SKRZYDLEWSKI,	Franciszek.	Polish.	234011. Born 24.11.06. in Poland
SPOLNIK,	Boleslaw.	Polish.	082234. Born 5.7.12. in Krakow
SYLWANOWICZ,	Andrzej.	Polish.	155513. Born 15.9.16. at Cyncewice, Poland
WARDYNSKI,	Tadeusz.	Polish.	284181. Born 28.10.1900 in Poland.

B.

Translation from the Polish.

11.7.53

Dear Son,

I received a letter from you on 15.6.53 nearly three hours before Zoska left. I was very pleased and so was Zoska, thank you my son for it. Zoska was at Andrzej's celebration on June 3rd. It was nice. He had taken a photo but it is not yet finished - when it is I will send it to you.

You wrote that you would send something after the 14th of June. I wonder if my tea will be in it and if you sent it (the parcel) for I am waiting for it. You write to me, my son, about these stockings - I don't really know. They are now very cheap, for only handkerchiefs and stockings are being sent and everyone receives them. In the parcels would be a good idea, dear child, to send something for me to sell for time flies and autumn will be upon us and the big winter expenses. Both one and the other would be good, though not too much, but it is not my place to dictate to you, my dear child. Zbyszek has passed very well into the high school at Mielec and accepted and will go there. I do not like the journey for him but there it is, he is delicate but he is healthy. (Note: Pencilled in the writing of the postscript is the correction "will be accepted", and the additional words "but otherwise I cannot because I cannot afford to put him up). Andrzej on the other hand looks sturdy but often is ill. He was in bed a few weeks ago. He was sick just before his celebration (First Communion?) and so it always is. Both of them received very good certificates and prizes as leading pupils. Granny is pleased about this though apart from that they are utter rascals. The little one is the worst, for he is the Benjamin and knows how to wheedle his father. As for me, my son, for several days I have not felt well and so weak that I do not want anything and even tire altogether of such a life. It is all with my nose and throat and ears. I am not allowed to wet my legs, and when from time to time I wash my feet, however carefully I do it I am ill at once. But I have never had it like this before, it is as though I had asthma. Thus and so many years I have suffered, dear child, and what do I get from this life? Also I am a burden on you and I never thought that I would be that, but what can I do when that is how it has worked out. What shall I write to you, darling son? This will be enough for you. As it is I have written a lot to satisfy you, and also I am so weak that I can barely write.

I kiss you, dear son,

Mother.

The following is in pencil, in another handwriting:- (probably sister-in-law
7 BORYNICKI)

Darling Heniu!

I am also writing a few words, only I do not know what to write, there is so much and in the end nothing. Mother told you a little but she does not dare and I do not want to make Rozia (Rose) angry, it is a good thing that Nescafe is here, one from time to time can use it and buoy oneself up and it does one good, for one cannot stay on longer in the evenings, but it is good medicine for us. Mother is a little weaker and there is such a heat wave here and the garden is drying up. It is pleasant but not so good for the crops, there is always hope it may rain, it is a little cooler and it is pleasanter. Pawel MADURA has come back, he was on his holiday and is feeling better. I wonder

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if you will be coming this year. Mother is happy when you write to her and..... for you are everything to her, for we do not count for anything which is natural enough. Well, I must stop, because anything I write is so disjointed. Every minute I have to tear myself away.

Thank you very much for remembering us and we all embrace you warmly.

From: Anna BORYNSKA,
Przeclaw,
pow. Mielec.
woj. Rzeszow,
Poland.

To: Rev. Henryk BORYNSKI
82, Little Horton Lane,
Bradford,
Yorks.
Enlgand.

Rev. Henryk Borczyk.

82, Little Horton Lane

Bradford

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Anne Boykin
Berkeley
pos. Charles
Woj. Beresov's

11/7

Drogi synu 1.

List od Ciebie otrzymałam 15/6 prawie trzy godziny przed
wyjściem Łaski bardzo się ucieszyłam jak i Łoska, dziękuję
Ci trochę za niego. Łoska była na uroczystości chudziej
to jest 3/6 mile to było zrobić sobie zdjęcie ale jeszcze nie
zrobione o takie sobie - jak będzie to Ci pokażę.

Piszesz że po 14 czerwca coś przesłać cię kochanemu
moja chęć będzie i czy wysłać to oświadczyć.

Piszesz mi trochę o tych przerwach albo ja wiem wica
że to teraz b. to nie bo tylko chustki i przerwy i to i to
ale to kiedy dostaje się do ośrodku do przerw dorych
przysłałoby się trochę kochane i innie coś na gracie
bo czas leci i jesień wnet a więc ruina dzieć i nowe
wygodki dobre jedno na i drugie choć trochę ale to nie moja
niezłota otykła i moje dziecko. Zbyszek wlat z bardzo
dobrym postępem do gimnazjum w Wilnie i przyjęty będzie
dojeżdżał ojciec tego dojazdu nie lubię no ale trudno młody
jest tyle tylko że warty ale zdrowy, rasi i dobrej
myślności na czerstwego ale co tego kiedy czersto to
często już chory kilka tygodni temu leżał, było raz
leżąc tuż przed jego uroczystością i tak stało.

Tak jeden jak i drugi stymali b. dobre swiordostwa
i nagroady jako p.rodawnicy w rauce - cieszy sie
b. b. choi tem, ale prostem to bary skonowca
Ten m. ty to gorszy bo to Benjaminek Ujca. umie
sie mu p.ochlebiec. Co do mnie synu to j. w. kilkoma-
sie dni eruje sie nie dobre i takam ostobiono. ie mi
sie nie niechcie i nawet pnykny sie takie iycie w.ysoko
to z tem nose i goroltem i usy - mnie niewolno nogo
wmoerya u. tu. od czasu do czasu n. o. umy. o. jak te
wobiz mimo w. elkich ostoinosci choroba. w. r. ale
tak jak teraz nigdy nie p. m. i. o. m. tak jak by m. dostal
astme, tak i tyle lat to sie pnykny dziecko ob. o. g. i
i co z tego iycia jestem p. n. i. i. Tobie c. i. o. i. m. i. nigdy
nie myslalam ie bede tem, ale co robie. kiedy tak sie
stalo... Co li synu kochany pisac wystarczy ci tyle i tak
li sluio napisalam ie li wystarczy o. w. o. d. a. t. k. u. tak
stalo ie ledwie pisze.

Contuje ci dr. g. synu.

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Translation from the Polish

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Dear and Reverend Father,

Please accept my sincere wishes for your name day. May the good God (three words illegible) and may He give His Grace, so that ...and happiness may be with you always, and success in yourwork may always attend you.

I take the occasion to thank you for the kindness you have shown me and the wonderful co-operation (which) you, dear Father, never refused me.

Please accept my warmest sentiments and very sincere thanks,

(signed) GOGOLINSKI.

London 7.14.53.(sic)

Presumably 14 July '53

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Note

I have not had this fully
translated. It is the letter
from Anna BORYNSKA in October 1952
referring to her son's broadcast
Mass.

D.M. Quin
D.M. Quin

B2D.

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29.6.53*



X. H. Boryński

c/o P.P. Beck, 88, Little Horton Lane,

~~Dickington~~ Bedford.

~~W. Dickson~~

~~H. H. H.~~

England

LOTNICZA
PAR AVION



Auna Danyishka
Beretta
105. elisea
sq. Beretta

T.

Lichosam gołbie teraz bezdnie, - Tak
 miera i dnie i o Lichie się marta
 ale obzłeci Bogu się napisat i wabrany jutek.
 Do chana to już tak nieważne się tylko
 ty je, niepokoić, miewać, co wam do wasi.

Lichosam i ścisłany Lich
 wabrany miewać Stachur i obzłeci

Freder 30/10

Drogi Synu!

Listy otnymałam - niepisałam bo nie
 wiedziałam gdzie mam pisać, a i ołowien
 26/10 dostałam list w kłórem pisać by pisać
 na stary adres. Tacki który otnymałam i
 wole rąk i medali i obraki z Lurd
 bardzo się tem cieszyłam - chłopaki dostali po
 rąk i medali - Hela Łoska i ja po
 rąk i medali - Tłuski i Tłuski medali i nosy.
 Bardzo ci dziecko dziękuję za wszystko
 bo wszystko potrzebne i przyda się, bo do
 kompletu to piękny ale narazie nie potrze-
 bny ale może przinaj... U nas obecnie Bog
 ołki wszystko zdrowe tylko Andrzeja choro-
 wał co dwa tygodnie na jedną i ta
 sama choroba po 3 razy a trzeci raz ostat-
 ki eżko już my go opatowali przyjechał
 i Michał karcił i lekaniem po niego - byt
 to choroba podobna do Hojnej Medytor

i dawał podobno do zapalenia mury
dostawał rośliny i penicyliny krystalicznej
ale mało pomagało aż dopiero Siostra pomyślała
i dała roztwór olejistej tak i wreszcie pomyślała
chwilę do siebie i teraz Bogu dzięki zdrowy. Lecz się
przekonał i brat wyszedł do ~~ten~~ twórcy i tulit
się do tego i mówił mój kochany wójcie
przyjmiesz czy co nie będzie dobre na niego.

Ty mój kochany wielkiego wrażenia dozna-
 tam 14 września, nie wiem pytam siebie ale słyszałam
 jak rozprowadali cie kś. ^{profesor} Henryk Boryński. Bednie
 miał mój sw, i chęć wiechcił co ci tam to
 nie potrzebuje liżisz, cały czas przeplatał
 było to dla mnie najmilser.

Synowi martwić się Tobą i tak li jakos
ichnie wszystko ciężko, i pragnę bym jak
najprędzej miało nowy i dobry adres do siebie.
Janek i cni syna najstarszego w Gwizdów będzie
ślub, będą chcieli by jechać ale o tem mowy
nie ma bo ja na stara na taką daleką drogę
i to kosztowne. Co li mam więcej pisać wypa-
rzy tyle i czekam zysia tego adresu bym

juv lyto sprokajna.

Bóluję, że drogi Symu o darówi'e tak
 bardzo nęskrobać nie ję już jęnył:
 prawo, nićni się wpać i o ckeborio
 nie ęnośe.

Mortko

Thoreau Heim!

La svojho Dôz raptár, - chýňšiny
sú svojím i 14/15. nie byto radlosi
sú sŕho ale má trach to bréj -
chama di svojho episata to di sŕstary
chabý chŕo pŕstare byto ale sŕstiel nie
na na nie gŕay. - Jah bys' Heni mŕgt
s pŕystaci, chŕi i radlosy Denis. Okejky
tylko sŕstaci chŕi na 3 lala lŕb 2 lala
napŕstol chŕi i sŕstai to bym di byta
vobŕstena bo to tŕ trach i pŕstena
pŕstis Heni chŕd. chŕi sŕi jŕi jŕt, najgane
to lala te ŕpaty. - lala sŕstie ŕe lŕ
rastŕny mŕata sŕstia i chŕstia to mŕ
pŕstato, ale jah bys' pŕst to nie sŕstia
naj nie o tŕm rastŕny chŕst, bo chama
nie lŕbi di hŕ o nie hŕstia, tylko
opŕst i sŕst ŕchŕy ty sŕst chŕst, a ja
mŕst inŕst, ŕm ŕe lŕst, hŕst mŕst
mŕ nie pŕstia lŕgo, ale na sŕstia mŕst
lŕstia, a nie po sŕstia pŕst lŕst. -
a pŕst chŕstia to i sŕstia lŕst. - ja
chŕi hŕ sŕstie ŕstia ale Dôz sŕstia

FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

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The mystery of the Polish priest

by ALAN DICK

FATHER HENRY BORYNSKI was Roman Catholic priest to the 1,500 Polish refugees who work in the mills of Bradford, the thriving Yorkshire wool town.

He was a big and burly man, this Polish priest—42 years old, 6ft. tall and weighing 15 stone.

Father Henry was a large and gentle soul, a kind of Don Camillo, with a love for the muck in a city of muck and brass.

After 10 months at St. Joseph's he had made a warm place in the hearts of these Bradford Poles, lonely waifs of war in a city of 300,000 strangers.

He lived in lodgings at No. 82, Little Horton-lane. His landlady was Mrs. Irena Beck, a buxom, middle-aged Polish woman with a flowered pinafore and greying hair scraped severely back into a bun—a regular hausfrau and a wonderful cook.

No. 82 is on the right as you walk up from the city centre, a brownstone house of two storeys and attic, with a Victorian bow-window behind a privet hedge.

A PHONE CALL

MRS. BECK had four lodgers, all Poles. One of them was Father Henry. He slept and studied in Mrs. Beck's first floor back and ate in the common dining-room with the other three lodgers. He paid Mrs. Beck £2 5s. a week for his bed-study and all meals.

On the evening of July 13 all four lodgers were eating supper when the telephone rang.

It was for Father Henry.

He listened gravely. All he said was "Dobrze ide," which means "All right, I go."

Then Father Henry did two rather odd things. He put on his hat and coat, which he did not normally wear in July (this evening was mild and dull), and he went off without telling Mrs. Beck where he was going or when he would be back.

WALKED OUT

HER HENRY

steps between the cast iron gateposts and the privet hedges, humping on his coat as he went.

He turned right, walked up the hill and bore to the right past St. Luke's Hospital.

One of his communicants saw him and called out "Good evening, Father."

The priest blessed him absent-mindedly and hurried on. He has not been seen or heard since.

His friends, his flock, Polish Catholics throughout the country, have all helped the police to look for him. Photographs and descriptions have appeared in the newspapers.

But of Father Henry not a sign has there been for more than a month.

LEFT BANK-BOOK

I FOLLOWED the priest's last steps from the privet hedge to the hospital gates. I am Father Henry's exact height and weight, and it took 159 strides—159 steps to mystery.

All he had with him were the clothes he stood up in and a jingle of coppers and silver in his trouser pocket. He never carried notes.

In his first floor back were his money, his bank-book and his travel documents—the displaced person's only handhold in a quagmire world.

His banking account has a balance of exactly £300. Father Henry drew nothing from it in the days before he disappeared. Nothing has been drawn from it since. His cheque book is where he left it, on the dressing table beside his breviary.

To the vigilant Bradford police



When Father Henry vanished, he left no problem—only a mystery.

Father Henry was just another missing person. From where the British police stand a man may go away when and where he pleases and never come back, if that is what he wants—provided he leaves no problem behind.

Father Henry left no problem. Only a mystery.

Mystery was clouded by certain happenings concerning another and older Polish priest called Father Boleslaw Martynellis. Father Henry succeeded Father Martynellis last October, but the older man continued to work in

the community. The two priests were friends.

Now Father Henry, earlier in the day he disappeared, told his fellow-lodgers of a phone call he had received from someone whom he believed was speaking for Father Martynellis. Father Martynellis said he authorised nobody to speak for him.

But here is an odd-thing: a week ago Father Martynellis was found collapsed at home with head hurts and 32 matches on his desk spelling MILCZ KLECHO—"Be silent, priest."

WHERE IS HE?

WHEN he came back from Bradford Royal Infirmary the priest said: "I did not murder Father Henry" and suggested that illness may have made him imagine an attack and the message.

All this can be put down to the bewilderment of an elderly man who has been very unwell lately and troubled in his mind. The unhappiness of Father Martynellis is a small side issue, but it does add to the mystery.

What has befallen Father Henry?

Polish people fear he is dead or has been abducted. Bradford police think the chances of his being alive are fifty-fifty and that if he is still in Bradford he is not a free agent.

Father Henry has vanished, and nobody knows why or where, or even if he is alive.

He leaves behind him in workaday Bradford one of the most evasive enigmas of recent times—the Mystery of the Vanished Priest.

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FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

Daily TELEGRAPH

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FRIENDS THINK PRIEST WAS MURDERED

"GROUP KILLING"

From Our SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUNTINGDON, Sunday.

Statements by two Poles on the staff of the Polish Grammar School at Diddington, near here, have strengthened the police theory that Father Henry Borynski, 42, Polish Roman Catholic chaplain at Bradford, has probably been murdered. He has been missing over a month.

Police took statements at the school from Mr. Tadeusz de Thun, bursar, and Mr. George Dietrich, storekeeper, formerly a lawyer and public prosecutor in Poland before the war. Both are friends of Father Borynski.

He was chaplain and instructor in religion at the school from 1949 until he succeeded Father B. Martynellis, 60, at St. Joseph's, Bradford, last October.

Mr. Dietrich said to me: "The police asked me whether Father Borynski had any enemies. I told them I knew of no enemies and that, in my view, he has been murdered by a hostile element in Bradford."

"SERVICE TO ANOTHER"

"If Father Borynski has been murdered the crime has probably been committed by a small group of people, as a service to another person, but not necessarily with his knowledge."

Mr. de Thun, Father Borynski's best friend, said: "If Father Borynski were still alive or free we should have had word from him by now. Since leaving the school he wrote regularly, either to myself or Mr. Dietrich, and he came to see us twice."

"GAY AND LOVABLE"

"He was not the type of man who made enemies. He was strong, gay and lovable; a perfect example of what any priest should be."

"It was not in his nature openly to attack the Communists or any other party. He was anti-Communist, naturally, but the suggestion that he made political enemies and that his disappearance is the result is nonsense. He never spoke a harsh or bitter word against anyone."

Mr. de Thun ruled out the suggestion that Father Borynski had returned to Poland. The explanation for his disappearance lay "in Bradford, without a doubt."

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Special Branch,

New Scotland Yard,

LONDON, S.W.1

15th August, 1953.

Father Henryk BORYNSKI.

Forwarded herewith is a copy of a further Special Branch report containing information concerning the above-named Polish Priest missing from Bradford. Copies of this report have been sent to The Chief Constable of Bradford City Police, and to the Under Secretary of State, Home Office, Aliens Department.

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Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

14th day of August, 195

SUBJECT

Reference to Papers

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At 11.50 a.m. on the 12th August, a telephone message was received from Mr. Conlan, Home Office, to the effect that a Pole named Stanislaw MAK, born 22nd March, 1922, at Sosk Liska, and who gave his address as 8, Oakroyd Terrace, Manningham, Bradford, was at the Home Office applying urgently for an extension of his Travel Document in order that he might proceed immediately to Belgium. As the explanation for the urgency of his travel did not appear very satisfactory, Mr. Conlan was referring the matter to Special Branch in view of the recent disappearance of Father Henryk BORYNSKI in Bradford.

A search of Special Branch and Criminal Record Office records showed that MAK was not known to Police and not, apparently, wanted for any crime; an enquiry of M.I.5 showed that they, too, had no knowledge of the man. Chief Inspector Cheshire, of Bradford City Police, was therefore informed of the man's anxiety to leave for Belgium, but he said that nothing was known in Bradford to his detriment.

Under these circumstances, and on the instructions of Chief Inspector Wade, I went to the Home Office, Princeton House, and interviewed Stanislaw MAK. This man had been conscripted into the German Army during the war but had deserted in France. With the liberation of that country by the American Forces, he had joined the Polish Army, come to this country, and had been finally discharged from the Polish Resettlement Corps in 1947.

He had worked in the North of England as an engineer, but he said that he was now a student at Louvain University, Belgium. He produced an identity card from the Universite Catholique de Louvain which showed that he was studying "sciences politiques"

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during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53. His Travel Document confirmed that he had been out of the country since the 2nd October, 1951, and had only returned for periods of a few months at Christmas and during the summer holidays. He last arrived in this country on the 22nd July, 1953, having been absent since the 7th January, 1953.

He stated that he had been living at 8, Oakroyd Terrace, Manningham, Bradford, a house owned by Mrs. E. PROCTOR, and that with a compensatory grant of £200 which he had received for war injuries (he has the little finger of the right hand missing) and some savings he had entered into partnership to the extent of £300 with Mrs. PROCTOR in the above premises.

MAK said that during the forthcoming year at the University he had to prepare a thesis on sociology and that he and a companion in Belgium were seeking reference matter to prepare this thesis. He produced a telegram from Louvain dated 11th August, and signed "Cvirka", which he declared urged him to come at once to Belgium, and which, on his interpretation, meant that his friend, Vladimir CVIRKA, had discovered the necessary references for their thesis and that they should go together to consult them. This explanation did not appear to warrant the urgency with which MAK wished to go to Belgium that day, and later in the interview he admitted that his visit was not so urgent as he had represented, but that he was anxious to lose no time in proceeding to Belgium.

The telegram was in Byelo-Russian and MAK was therefore questioned about his movements since he came to this country and his activities in Bradford. He said that when he arrived on 22nd July, 1953 he went first for ten days to Father SIPOVIC at Marian House, Holden Avenue, Woodside Park, N., where a special religious course for Byelo-Russians was being held. He left for Bradford on Monday, 3rd August, and had stayed with Mrs. PROCTOR since that date. He said that at Woodside Park he had met Father Francis CZERNIAWSKI, who had arrived from France and who had been a close friend since student days of Father Boleslaw MARTYNELIS, the deposed Catholic priest to the Polish community in Bradford.

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(Father CZERNIAWSKI was born on the 3rd November, 1893, and last arrived in this country on the 24th July, 1953, from France to attend a three-week summer course at the Catholic Mission, Marian House, N.12, as a guest of Father SIPOVIC).

Father CZERNIAWSKI had arranged that he would hold a special Mass in Bradford for Catholic Byelo-Russians on Sunday, 9th August, and MAK was to make the necessary arrangements. The Father said that he intended to stay while in Bradford with Father Martynelis (at 23, Greaves Street, Bradford).

MAK says that on the morning of Saturday, 8th August, he read in the local newspaper of the attack by two men on Father MARTYNELIS and, realising that Father CZERNIAWSKI was due to arrive in Bradford that day, went to 23, Greaves Street, Bradford, in order to meet him. He was informed by a Police Officer at that address in the morning that Father CZERNIAWSKI had not arrived but he went back in the afternoon, met him, and took Father CZERNIAWSKI to his own address at 8, Oakroyd Terrace, where he agreed to stay. On Sunday morning, 9th August, Father CZERNIAWSKI held a special Mass for the Byelo-Russian Catholics at the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Convent, Manningham. MAK admitted that he knew all of the Byelo-Russian Catholics in Bradford and had warned them of the arrangements personally. He had also made arrangements with the Mother Superior for the use of the Chapel at the Convent.

On the afternoon of Sunday, 9th August, he says he took Father CZERNIAWSKI to the hospital to visit Father MARTYNELIS. They found the latter suffering from shock and MAK said, "Father Martynelis said he thought he had been attacked." MAK was questioned about the conversation between himself, Father CZERNIAWSKI and Father MARTYNELIS, but would give no explicit details, except to say that Father MARTYNELIS had related the story of how he had set up the Catholic Parish for Poles in Bradford, and had been superseded by Father BORYNSKI. He said Father MARTYNELIS appeared quite rational, but, although he would not say so, it appeared from his answers to questions that MAK had some doubts in his own mind that Father MARTYNELIS had ever been attacked.

Stanislaw MAK said that in Belgium he lived at 19, Place de Hoover, Louvain, which was a house, the purchase of which had been arranged by Father CZERNIAWSKI, occupied by Byelo-Russian students at the University. A

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committee administered the grants from the University for their keep and supplied them with a small amount of pocket money. He intended to proceed to this address where he anticipated meeting his fellow student, CVIRKA. After seeing the books of reference concerning his thesis, he proposed to return to this country in about two weeks' time, and would remain here until the next University course began in October.

MAK was asked what was his intention when he finished his studies, and he said that he would return to this country, which he regarded as his home, and expected to continue work for a time at least in his old occupation as engineer.

In view of MAK's arrival in this country after the disappearance of Father BORYNSKI, there appeared no reason to delay his departure, and after consultation with Mr. Hayes of the Home Office, the latter stated that he would give MAK the necessary prolongation of his Travel Document.

Stanislaw MAK is a member of the Association of Byelo-Russians in Great Britain Ltd., which had originally been formed in this country in 1946 as the Association of White Ruthenians in Great Britain. The Association has headquarters at 52, Penn Road, N.7, and according to the registered particulars it also possesses freehold premises at 14, Southey Place, Bradford. In respect of these latter premises a mortgage for £900 in favour of Mrs. Eliza L. PROCTOR of that address, was registered on the 18th September, 1952. This woman would appear to be identical with the Mrs. PROCTOR of 8, Oakroyd Terrace, Bradford, with whom MAK is in partnership and with whom he has been staying, and there is no doubt that that address is a centre of Byelo-Russian activity in Bradford.

The Association of Byelo-Russians supports Nikolaus ABRAMTCHIK as the normal President elect of the Byelo-Russian People's Republic until such time as national freedom can be regained. ABRAMTCHIK normally resides in France, but attends this country for conferences from time to time. This group is said to be strongly anti-Communist, anti-Soviet, and Christian in outlook, but they are traditionally opposed to the Polish emigrants as they regard the annexation of their territory in 1919 by Poland with great bitterness.

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It may be recalled that under German occupation in 1918, an independent Byelo-Russian democratic republic was formed on the 25th March, 1918, and efforts were being made at that time to join up with a Lithuanian Republic. Under the Treaty of Riga, 1921, the Western part of Byelo-Russia passed under Polish rule together with part of Western Ukraine, but the main territory of Byelo-Russia was incorporated as a constituent Republic of the U.S.S.R.

During the last war the Germans, during their occupation, encouraged a certain amount of autonomy in order to obtain assistance from factions favouring independence from Russia. It was during this time that they permitted Radoslaw OSTROWSKI to call a second All Byelo-Russian Congress in Minsk in June, 1944. At this Congress OSTROWSKI succeeded in getting himself elected as a President of a Central Council and he has continued his activities mainly from Germany in an organisation called 'The Byelo-Russian Liberation Movement'. OSTROWSKI, in fact, addressed a function of this Movement held at Bradford in October, 1952, and, the following day, in London said there was not the slightest chance of a compromise between himself and ABRAMTCHIK, concluding by urging the preparation of little groups of 10 - 15 men who could be trained for use at a later date in the struggle for a free and independent "Fatherland".

The Association of Byelo-Russians publishes a newspaper called 'The Fatherland', which is issued from 19, Place de Hoover, Louvain, Belgium, the address at which Stanislaw MAK states he resides, and literature which has come into the hands of Special Branch shows that particularly in 1951-52, Stanislaw MAK, together with a fellow student, BUTRYMOVIC (now in Belgium), who formerly lived with him at 8, Oakroyd Terrace, Bradford, was an active member of the main committees of the Association.

The connection between Father MARTYNELIS, Father CZERNIAWSKI and other Byelo-Russians, indicates that Father MARTYNELIS might have some claim to being a Byelo-Russian himself, and therefore has done little in Bradford to discourage the traditional bitterness between Byelo-Russians and Poles.

In view of the fact that Father MARTYNELIS is so closely concerned with the events which led to the disappearance of Father BORVNSKI, the possibility cannot be overlooked that if any harm has befallen Father BORVNSKI, this group of Byelo-Russians in Bradford may

H. H. Gibson

~~Submitted.~~

Chief Inspector.

for Chas. H. De. S. G.
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT.

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 FROM THE PRESS SECTION

YORKSHIRE Post

Date 14-8-53

Watch on ports for missing priest

Last reported seen near London's Victoria Station

By a Yorkshire Post reporter

A special watch on ships leaving British ports for Iron Curtain countries is being kept by emigration officials as part of the search for the missing 42-year-old Bradford priest, the Rev. Henryk Borynski, chaplain to 1,200 members of the Polish community in Bradford.

This was announced by Detective-Superintendent Thomas Rushworth, head of Bradford CID, yesterday. Superintendent Rushworth added that he knew of no reason why Father Borynski should want to leave Britain and return to Poland.

If Father Borynski already has returned to his own country he has not got in touch with his mother who lives in a village near Cracow. Officials of the Polish Roman Catholic Church in London have had a letter from her asking why her son has stopped writing. Efforts are being made to get in touch with her so that she can be told that her son has been missing for more than a month.

Left £300 in bank

Father Borynski left his lodgings after answering a night telephone call and disappeared. He had about 10s. in his pocket and he left behind all his personal papers, including bank books showing a credit balance of £300.

Since then Bradford CID have had only one report that Father Borynski has been seen. That was from a member of the Polish community in Bradford, Mr. Jan Buchwald, a grocer in Thornton Road, who is certain that he saw Father Borynski in London. At that time Mr. Buchwald was on a business visit to London and did not know that Father Borynski was missing.

'Went into house'

At present Mr. and Mrs. Buchwald are spending a motoring holiday on the Continent but a member of the firm told me yesterday: "Mr. Buchwald was sitting in a café near Victoria Station, London, when he saw Father Borynski pass by. He watched as Father Borynski went to the white painted door of a house, opened it, and went inside. Mr. Buchwald knows Father Borynski very well. He often came here. He was here only a few hours before he disappeared."

After hearing Father Borynski was missing Mr. Buchwald made a special journey to London in an attempt to find the house he had seen Father Borynski enter, but he was unsuccessful.

Hostel warden in London?

Another missing man, 41-year-old Edward Thomas Jenkins, warden of Doddington Park Polish Hostel, Nantwich, Cheshire, who is thought to have been a friend of Father Borynski, has also been seen in London. Mr. Jenkins disappeared 12 days before the priest and some days later a Polish girl whose mother was formerly matron at Doddington Hostel said she had seen him near Marble Arch.

Superintendent Rushworth told me last night that it had not been established that Father Borynski and Mr. Jenkins were friends. Inquiries were still being made by the Nantwich police and he had heard nothing further from them.

At present, Bradford police are treating Father Borynski's disappearance purely as a case of a missing person. Though they have no reason to suspect foul play, Superintendent Rushworth said inquiries would continue until they were satisfied that Father Borynski had come to no harm.

The police believe they could get more help from people who know Father Borynski and who might be able to give them some clue, however small, to the reason for his disappearance.

Poles silent

But the Polish community, though very worried about the case, do not want to discuss it. Twice yesterday I was told by Poles that they did not understand when I asked them if they knew why Father Borynski had disappeared. One of them admitted that he knew Father Borynski very well—but he would say no more.

In the second week in September Father Borynski should report to Bradford police to have his residence permit renewed. He has to report to the police at two-monthly intervals. He had made his usual call at the Aliens Department at Bradford City Police offices only a few days before he was reported missing.

Canon confined to bed

Yesterday for the first time for a week a police officer was not on duty at the home of Canon Boleslaw Martynellis, of Greaves Street, Bradford. Canon Martynellis returned home on Monday from Bradford Royal Infirmary where he was taken after he had been found collapsed in his study at home.

His niece, Miss Jadwiga Jeager, told me: "Canon Martynellis is confined to bed and his doctor says that he must have no visitors."

Since he returned home Canon Martynellis has been visited by two priests, one of them from the York area.

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In your absence I took the liberty of calling for the attached Home Office files concerning BLOMERIUS, in view of para (a) of the attached letter dated 5th August from Adrian McLaughlin.

I have read the Police report to the Home Office concerning this man with interest, but you may care in view of para (a) to write to the Chief Constable referring him to his report, saying that we have heard from our own sources, which we believe to be reliable, that BLOMERIUS is generally rumoured by the local emigre population to be employed by "the authorities", and asking the Chief Constable whether this particular aspect has come to his notice.

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Lt. Col. J. Baskervyle-Glegg

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With reference to your minute above and our telephone conversations, I have spoken to Mr. Simkins who agrees with me that there is no point in us communicating with the Bradford Police with regard to BLOMERIUS.

There is nothing against this man and he is known to be strongly anti-communist. As I told you, the Home Office file contains a letter from the Chief Constable of Northumberland to the Home Office, dated 19.5.53, which refers to BLOMERIUS's stay at various hostels in his area. The C.C. says in his letter that whilst at these hostels BLOMERIUS "acted as an interpreter and was always very helpful to the Police".

Although the Bradford Police report does not refer to it,

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it seems more than likely that BLOMERIUS has also acted as an interpreter and been helpful to the Police in Bradford as he was in his previous district. We do not think, therefore, that it can be held against him that, when he was drunk, he confided to TCHERNESKY that he had done great things for the C.I.D.

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Dear Malcolm,

The following minor effluvia given off by our Katkov network may be of some interest to your people:-

a) There is a first emigration Russian living in Bradford who is generally rumoured by the local emigre population to be employed by M.I.5. When he had drunk rather too much with our man TCHERNESKY (Head of SBONR in the U.K.), he confided that he did "great things" for the C.I.D. He added that the offices of the Soviet Trade Delegation, Highgate, were the nerve centre of Soviet espionage in this country.

b) The same TCHERNESKY lives very near the house where the Polish priest, Father BORYNSKI, lived. He has been told by a Bradford Pole, DUDINSKI by name, that the latter visited the priest's lodgings before the police got there. Amongst some other private papers he read a letter from the man's sister in Poland begging him not to return home to his own country. There is a general belief amongst all the local Poles that BORYNSKI was blackmailed into returning - his mother had not managed to get out, and he was known to have been worried about her safety.

If any of the above is of sufficient interest to you, I can probably provide chapter and verse.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian

(Adrian McLaughlin)

Lt-Col M.E.D. Cumming ,O.B.E. ,
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Arthur McLaughlin
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Date 14-8-53

Daily TELEGRAPH

PRIEST "SAID HE WAS TIRED OF IT"

HELPER'S STATEMENT

From Our Special Correspondent
BRADFORD, Thursday.

Mr. Stasys Zajanckauskas, 30, a Lithuanian, of Arnold Place, Bradford, has made two statements to the police about Father Henry Borynski, 42, the Polish Roman Catholic chaplain, who vanished from his home on July 13. Mr. Zajanckauskas said to-night that he had been asked not to disclose the information.

"I used to assist Father Borynski at St. Joseph's Church. One Sunday before he disappeared he said to me: 'I am tired of it all. I am going away from Bradford.' I dare not say any more, because there is a lot of feeling among the Poles about his disappearance."

Supt. Thomas Rushworth, head of Bradford C.I.D., confirmed that they had taken statements. "What he has said throws new light on the mystery."

Father J. Kuzmickas, Lithuanian Roman Catholic priest thought Father Borynski's disappearance was "carefully planned for political reasons. I believe he is in Poland and that he was forced to go there by agents of a foreign Power."

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Priny Mirror

Date... 13.8.53

PRIEST: MI5 JOIN IN THE HUNT

"Daily Mirror" Reporter

OFFICERS of M.I.5, members of Scotland Yard Special Branch, and the West Riding C.I.D., are all seeking an answer to one question: "Where is the body of Father Henry Borynski?"

For the disappearance of the Polish priest living in exile in the Yorkshire wool town of Bradford, has now developed into a murder probe.

Thirty days have passed since the 6ft. tall, 14st. Polish cleric was lured from his lodgings one Monday evening by a mystery phone caller talking in Polish.

And the Yorkshire police have been told by Poles in Britain: "If the answer is

found it will be a body hidden on the moors, at the bottom of a pit, or in some lonely pool."

Inquiries have revealed these disturbing facts:

During the last twelve months there has been a well-organised Communist plot to disrupt the lives of people living in Britain who have fled from Communist-dominated countries.

Father Borynski was a leading member of the Polish military anti-Communist organisation.

He had helped Scotland Yard about people who told

refugees: "Your relatives in Poland will suffer if you don't go back."

● Detectives at Crewe investigating the six-week-old mystery of the disappearance of the English warden of a Nantwich, Cheshire, Polish camp, were last night working on a theory that his disappearance is connected with that of Father Borynski.

They believe that the warden, Edward Thomas Jenkins, 41, may have met the Catholic priest at a conference.

t in her stone hut at

Doddington Park Polish Hostel, Jenkins's wife—the only Englishwoman among 1,000 Poles—told the *Daily Mirror*: "I cannot believe my husband's disappearance has any political significance."

Jenkins went to Crewe on July 1. He told the hostel car driver that he was going to the dentist.

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 YORKSHIRE POST. Date 13.8.53

Priest left his wallet and £300 in bank

No money drawn since he disappeared

By a Yorkshire Post reporter

BRADFORD CID have received letters from people living in all parts of the country offering help in their search for the missing Polish priest in Bradford, Father Henryk Borynski, but not one of the writers has given information providing a clue to his whereabouts.

This was stated yesterday by Detective-Superintendent Thomas Rushworth, head of Bradford CID.

Early today the police were no nearer a solution of the mystery of his disappearance. Father Borynski, Chaplain to the Polish community in Bradford, who vanished after receiving a telephone call at his lodgings in Little Horton Lane, Bradford. He spoke into the telephone, then put on his coat and hat and has not been seen since.

About 10s. in cash

He had only about 10s. in his pocket. He left behind his wallet and personal belongings. His bankbook showed a credit balance of about £300. No money has been drawn from the account since he disappeared.

Inquiries switched quickly to Cheshire yesterday after it had been learned that Mr. Edward Thomas Jenkins, warden of Doddington Park Polish Hostel, Nantwich, was also missing. As reported in The Yorkshire Post yesterday, Mr. Jenkins left the hostel to visit a dentist on July 1 and has not been seen since.

At one time it was thought that Father Borynski was at the hostel, but it was established yesterday that he had at one time been at a hostel at Diddington, Hertfordshire. Nevertheless, he might have visited Doddington.

Superintendent Rushworth told me last night that there was a probability that the two men knew each other, but it was certain they were never at the same hostel together. He added that both the name and address of a man who rang Nantwich police regarding Mr. Jenkins's disappearance were known.

Foreign accent

The caller, who spoke with a foreign accent, made a pre-paid telephone call from London to Nantwich.

Mrs. Vera Jenkins, who is still living at the hostel with her two children, told me yesterday that the only news she had received of her husband since he left home was from a Polish girl whose mother was formerly matron at Doddington Hostel. She said that she had seen her husband near Marble Arch, London. Her husband had no strong political feelings and as far as she knew had never met Father Borynski.

Before going to Doddington Mr. Jenkins held an appointment with the National Assistance Board at Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

Many among the Polish community in Bradford still believe that Father Borynski has been kidnapped by the Communists. Though he had not made an active stand against Communism, he made no secret of his dislike of the ideology.

'Ways and means'

A man in close touch with aliens in Yorkshire told me that there were undoubtedly ways and means of getting a person out of Britain without the knowledge of the authorities. How it was done was as big a mystery as was Father Borynski's disappearance, he said. But Polish vessels sailed regularly to England.

If Father Borynski has not left the country, where is he now? His friends know of no reason why he should change his identity. A man of great integrity, he was extremely popular among the Polish community and was looked upon as a hard worker who had many friends and no enemies.

When he left his lodgings he took none of his personal belongings with him. Among his private papers was found his ration book.

Early today a police officer was still on duty near the home of the 58-year-old Polish priest, Canon Boleslaw Martynellis, of Greaves Street, Bradford. The police guard has been maintained since Canon Martynellis was taken to Bradford Royal Infirmary after being found in a collapsed state in his study. Near him on his desk were the words in Polish spelled out in matches, "Milcz Klecho," meaning "Be silent, priest."

In an interview with The Yorkshire Post on Tuesday, Canon Martynellis said that he knew the police were not seeking an attacker in connection with the incident.

Superintendent Rushworth said last night that he had at that time made no further plans to see Canon Martynellis.

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FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

Daily Telegraph

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Date 13-8-53

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PHONE CALL ON MISSING PRIEST

SECOND MAN LINK

From Our Special Correspondent
BRADFORD, Wednesday.

Police of two counties are trying to establish if there is any link between the disappearance of Father Henry Borynski, 42, Polish Roman Catholic chaplain, and of the warden at a Polish hostel at Dodding-ton, near Nantwich. The warden, Mr. Edward Thomas Jenkins, 41, disappeared on July 1 and Father Borynski 12 days later.

In a telephone call to Nantwich police a London caller is stated to have said: "Both Father Borynski and Mr. Jenkins belonged to the same anti-Communist organisation. This may help you in your inquiries." The name and address of the caller are known to the police.

Supt. Thomas Rushworth, head of Bradford C.I.D., said: "We are trying to find out whether Father Borynski and Mr. Jenkins knew each other. We have no definite information at present on this point. The police are continuing to make intensive inquiries in case Father Borynski is dead."

Father Josef Dryzalowski, chaplain to the Poles in Huddersfield, said to me to-night: "Before coming to Bradford Father Borynski was a lecturer in religion at a Polish school at Diddington, Huntingdonshire. I think Father Borynski and Mr. Jenkins met at that time."

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Penny Hill

Date 13 8-53

MISSING PRIEST: CID DENY PHONE STORY

POLICE tried yesterday to link the disappearance of Father Henry Borynski, a Polish priest from Bradford, with the disappearance of the warden of a Polish hostel at Nantwich, Cheshire. But so far there is no evidence to support this.

Father Borynski has been missing since July 13. Mr. Edward Thomas Jenkins, 41-year-old English warden of Doddington Park Polish hostel at Nantwich, disappeared on July 1.

The police denied a report that a foreigner had telephoned Nantwich police that the two men were members of the same Polish anti-Communist organisation.

Caller known

Detective - Superintendent Thomas Rushworth, Bradford C.I.D. chief, said: "A telephone message concerning Mr. Jenkins was received by Nantwich police several days ago. No reference was made to Father Borynski. They have the name and address of the man who phoned."

Mr. Jenkins, married, with two children, left the hostel on July 1, saying he was going to Crewe. He has not been seen since.

A hostel official said last night: "We believe his disappearance is possibly due to loss of memory. His wife, still at the hostel, is absolutely certain he has no connection with any Polish political movement and that he does not know the priest."

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H. S. PRICE,
CHIEF CONSTABLE.

Date 8th August 1953.

Subject. Father Boleslaw MARTYNELIS

Sir,

I respectfully beg to report that

at 5.25pm Friday 7th August 1953, information was received through Operations Room that the above named had been found lying in the front room of his house at 23, Greaves Street, Bradford, and it was feared he was dead.

The Ambulance Authorities were informed and Dr. Silman of Little Horton Lane, Bradford, attended. I also attended with Detective Inspector Lockley, and upon arriving at 23, Greaves Street, we found that the woman who is said to be a niece of Father MARTYNELIS, and who acts as his housekeeper - Miss Jadwiga JAGIEROWNA - had returned home from work at 5.10pm and had opened the front door with her latch lock key. The door of the front room was ajar, but she saw nothing wrong and she walked past into the back room. Father MARTYNELIS was not there, and the woman made her way into the front room, and upon opening the door, she found Father MARTYNELIS lying on his stomach and she thought him dead.

Upon the Doctor examining him, he could not find any visible signs of injury, and Father MARTYNELIS was taken to the Bradford Royal Infirmary, where he was again examined by the Casualty Doctor and taken to a Ward. Later he was X-rayed, but there is still no visible sign of any injury and the X-ray plates show there is no fracture of the skull.

I saw Father MARTYNELIS at the Bradford Royal Infirmary. He was conscious, and he told me that during the afternoon, he had been sitting in his easy chair near the window and he had seen two men enter the gate of his front garden. He thought one of the men was Detective Inspector Lockley and he immediately went to the front door and opened it before either of the two men had the opportunity of knocking. (This is almost impossible because the men had only a few yards to walk to the front door, and Father MARTYNELIS would take longer to reach his front door from the place where he was sitting). Father MARTYNELIS then went on to tell me that he had invited the men in and had suggested they go into the front room, and he stood aside in order to allow them to pass. One of the men said in English "After you," and Father MARTYNELIS stepped into his front room and he can only remember receiving a blow on the head.

He told me he was not able to recognise the two men. He cannot say whether they were Polish or English and he cannot tell me what time of the afternoon these two men arrived at his door.

On a roll top desk in the front room, two words had been spelled in matches. These words were - MILCZ KLECHO - and apparently a rough translation of this means "Keep your mouth shut," and KLECHO is a slang word for Priest. This does not appear to have any counterpart in the English language, but I understand it had the same meaning to a Priest as "Copper" has to a policeman.

Upon searching the house I found one box of Captain Webb matches in the kitchen. There were very few matches in this box, and it was obvious from the rough striking surface that many had been struck from this particular box. A second box of Captain Webb matches I found on the gas stove, which is on the cellar head. There were signs that two matches had been struck. The box contained 12 matches and the words "MILCZ KLECHO" were made up of 34 matches. The matches used to spell these words matched exactly with those 12 left in the box. The average contents of these boxes of matches

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are 48. So that with the two that had been struck, the 12 in the box and the 34 used in the words, it seemed obvious that the priest himself was responsible.

Full enquiry was immediately made in the district. All residents living nearby the Priest's house were seen, but no person was seen to approach the house, with the exception of two Press men, later found to be Mr. Lewis of the Sunday Express, and Mr. Reid of the Dispatch. Father MARTYNELIS refused to admit these men.

A Mr and Mrs. CZYZEWSKA, who live in the basement of Father MARTYNELIS'S house, were there all afternoon, but they neither heard nor saw anything.

Dr. Silman the doctor who was called to the house, has said in confidence that he is satisfied Father MARTYNELIS was not attacked, and there is no visible injury.

In view of the fact that Father MARTYNELIS has been a prominent figure so far as the Press is concerned in the disappearance of Father BORYNSKI, this matter is receiving special attention from the National Press, and Father MARTYNELIS, upon being interviewed again during the forenoon of Saturday, the 8th instant, still adheres to his original story of being attacked.

I have to refer to previous correspondence regarding the disappearance of Father BORYNSKI, and on Friday, the 7th August, I spoke with Canon CZORNY of Leeds, and he informed me that the London Office of "Free Europe Radio Station" had been in touch with him and he understood that information regarding the disappearance of Father BORYNSKI had been broadcast from Station "Free Europe" to Poles, but as we have had no information to this effect, perhaps enquiry could be made by members of the Special Branch with a view to finding out whether this is true or not.

I would suggest that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, (Special Branch), New Scotland Yard, and to Sir Percy Sillitoe, for their information, and any matter which might prove useful in this enquiry so far as the Bradford end is concerned, be communicated to us at the earliest possible moment.

(Signed) C.P. CHESHIRE.

Det. Ch. Inspector.

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have thought it was
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the radio
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All communications to be addressed to the Chief Constable.

TELEPHONE No. 23422



HERBERT S. PRICE
Chief Constable

JMP.

CITY POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

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10 AUG 1953 8th August, 1953.

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REF PF 723009

Father Boleslaw MARTYNELIS

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir,

I attach hereto, for your information, a copy of a report submitted by my Detective Chief Inspector Cheshire regarding the above-named.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Constable.

Sir Percy Sillitoe, C.B.E., D.L.,
Box 500,
Parliament Street Box Office,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

Daily Herald

Date 11-8-32



Canon Martynellis arrives home from hospital with his niece, Jadwiga Jaeger. She lives at his house.

24-HOUR WATCH BY POLICE AT CANON'S HOME

AFTER three days in hospital 60-year-old Canon Boleslaw Martynellis returned yesterday to his home in Greaves-street, Bradford. Police then started a day-and-night guard on his house.

For according to Detective Superintendent Tom Rushworth, head of Bradford CID, the Canon is the main pivot in their inquiries into the disappearance, just one month ago, of Father Henry Borynski.

Last October Father Borynski, aged 42, was sent to Bradford to take over the duties of Canon Martynellis at St. Joseph's Church, which is attended by 1,500 Poles living in Bradford.

The Canon was found in a collapsed condition at his home on Friday and was taken to the Royal Infirmary. His niece, Miss Jadwiga Jaeger, brought him home in a car today.

Looking pale and tired, he said: "The police have told me not to say anything. I am going to bed to rest."

Miss Jaeger said: "The Canon has told me he was attacked by two men whom he allowed to enter the house on Friday because he thought they were detectives."

"The Canon says he led them into his study, and he says that one of them struck him on the back of the head and that he collapsed."

Told that the police had said they were not looking for any assailant and that the Canon had no injuries Miss Jaeger commented "Perhaps it was broken nerves."

MYSTERY

Last night, Det. Supt. Rushworth said "We have not told Canon Martynellis not to speak to the Press. I can only reaffirm that we are not searching for an assailant."

"Father Borynski's disappearance is a complete mystery."

"If there is any religious reason for his disappearance we have been assured that we shall never be told what it is."

"If Father Borynski is alive he could be in any country in the world. If he is alive and is in Bradford he is not a free agent."

'BE SILENT'

Neighbours say that they found on the Canon's desk on Friday two Polish words, *Milcz klecha* but it matches. They me

FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

Daily TELEGRAPH

Date 10.8.53

MATCHSTICKS SPELL WARNING TO PRIEST

MESSAGE ON DESK

From Our SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BRADFORD, Sunday.

A two-word warning message spelt out in matchsticks was found on top of a polished desk in the living room at the home of Father B. Martynellis, 60, of Greaves Street, here. Police believe to-night that they know its author.

The message, it was disclosed, was discovered at the same time as Father Martynellis was found in a collapsed condition in the room on Friday night. He was taken to Bradford Royal Infirmary, where he was stated to-night to be "comfortable."

I understand he may be discharged to-morrow. He is expected to return to his home.

It is thought that the writer of the message intended it to appear as a warning to Father Martynellis to remain silent regarding Father Henry Borynski, 42, Polish Roman Catholic chaplain, who mysteriously disappeared from his home in Little Horton Lane a month ago to-morrow and has not been seen or heard of since.

"BE SILENT"

Thirty-two matches formed the message, which was in Polish. It read: "Milcz Klecho" ("Be Silent Priest.")

Father Martynellis, who was succeeded by Father Borynski at St. Joseph's Church here last October, has repeatedly told the police he knows nothing of the whereabouts of the missing priest and cannot assist in any way. He denies there was any enmity between him and Father Borynski.

The police said that Father Martynellis was not suffering from physical injury. Supt. T. Rushworth, head of the C.I.D., said to-night: "Father Martynellis was not attacked. The police are not looking for an assailant."

"The message found in the room was composed by someone intimate with the Polish language. The word 'Klecho' is slang for 'Priest,' and would be known only to a Pole or someone who had spent a long time in the country."

ANOTHER LINE OF INQUIRY

"The finding of the message has complicated our inquiry. It has started us on another line."

When I called at the Royal Infirmary to-day to see Father Martynellis I saw him sitting up in bed in a private room talking and smiling to two women visitors. He looked well.

A doctor said: "I have strict instructions from the matron that Father Martynellis is not to be interviewed. I have also been told not to discuss what is the matter with

FROM THE PRESS SECTION.

THE PEOPLE

Date 9.8.53

THE MYSTERY OF THE VANISHED PRIEST

The Sunday Express tells the whole story of Father Henry Borynski

6,000 aliens under suspicion of murder**BRENDA NICHOLSON**

"Father Borynski looked serious"

By GWYN LEWIS: Bradford, Saturday

THE Mystery of the Vanished Priest has placed 6,000 aliens, mostly Poles working in Bradford's woollen mills, under suspicion of murder.

Squads of interpreters have been mustered by the police in their efforts to discover what happened to Father Henry Borynski when he left home at 7.30 on the night of July 13 after a telephone call. He has not been seen since.

The record of every alien in Bradford is now being scrutinised with the help of M.I.5 investigators and Special Branch men of Scotland Yard.

Superintendent Thomas Rushworth, Bradford police chief, has discovered rivalry between priests for the spiritual leadership of Bradford's foreign colony, comprising races from all over Europe.

Police examining the hundreds of statements made since Father Borynski's disappearance have gone back again and again to that made by a 15-year-old English girl now working in a Bradford bookshop.

She is Brenda Nicholson who lives among the Polish colony in Bradford and has adopted their language. She attended a school that was run by the missing priest.

'Say prayers'

When Father Borynski left home after the telephone call he encountered Brenda.

He patted her head and said: "My child, say prayers for me and my good intentions."

Brenda said today: "Father Borynski, who is such a jolly, laughing priest, looked serious when he spoke to me. I was on my way to school at the time and as soon as I got there I repeated 'Hail Mary' three times, wondering what the good father was worrying about."

His greeting was customary for Roman Catholic priests when they meet children.

But detectives now attach special significance to the encounter.

Father Borynski came from Poland to Italy in the early days of the war. From a monastery in Rome he found his way during the Italian campaign to the Allied Forces then advancing on the capital. He was made chaplain to a Polish anti-aircraft regiment.

In London after the war he was asked by Monsignor Staniszewski, Vicar Delegate for all Poles in Britain, to take over the duties in Bradford of Father Boleslaw Martynellis, who was made a canon.

Strong views

Canon Martynellis, aged 58, was not well—he had collapsed at the altar of St. Joseph's Church while saying Mass, and was taken to hospital.

The Polish authorities in London felt that Canon Martynellis ought to be transferred to a town where his duties would be lighter.

He was offered livings in Bolton or Preston, in Lancashire, but declined.

When Father Borynski arrived in Bradford he quickly discovered that Canon Martynellis was reluctant to give up his duties.

Canon Czorny, who from his presbytery in Leeds directs the activities of nine Polish priests in the North of England, said today: "Relations between Father Borynski and Canon Martynellis became difficult."

"The two both held services in a church loaned to us by the local English Roman Catholic priest, but this situation could not go on."

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Canon Martynellis, aged 58, was not well—he had collapsed at the altar of St. Joseph's Church while saying Mass, and was taken to hospital.

The Polish authorities in London felt that Canon Martynellis ought to be transferred to a town where his duties would be lighter.

He was offered livings in Bolton or Preston, in Lancashire, but declined.

When Father Borynski arrived in Bradford he quickly discovered that Canon Martynellis was reluctant to give up his duties.

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The congregation of Canon Martynellis dwindled to 30 or 40 while 1,000 or more packed the church when Father Borynski was conducting services.

On Monday, July 13, said a Huddersfield priest now doing Father Borynski's duties, "Father Borynski was absorbed and excited over the details of a pilgrimage he was organising.

"He was bubbling over with excitement. He was a man happy in his task."

Canon Czorny confirmed this view, saying: "Father Borynski came to see me in Leeds that afternoon of July 13. We had coffee together. He said that he had that morning a long talk with Canon Martynellis.

"The two priests had gone thoroughly into all their difficulties. I was overjoyed to hear from Father Borynski that the outcome of this talk was that Canon Martynellis had agreed to leave Bradford."

'Hit on head'

That evening of July 13 Father Borynski came home from Leeds. He sat down to the evening meal at his home in Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

Mrs. Beck, his Polish house-keeper, heard him speak in Polish over the telephone. She saw him immediately cup his hand over the telephone and, with the other hand, wave her away—indicating that the telephone conversation was private.

Mrs. Beck says: "I just heard Father Borynski say, 'I will come' and then I closed the door."

Police cannot trace the caller. It is known the call was made by a foreigner in the city.

Father Borynski, said Mrs. Beck, slipped quietly out of the house immediately after the phone call. From the sitting-room she saw him disappear round a bend in the road.

And that was the last seen of Father Borynski a month ago.

Tonight Canon Martynellis is in Bradford Royal Infirmary. Last night he was found unconscious on the floor of his home.

"I was hit on the head by someone as I sat at my sitting-room table," he told the police.

The canon's home is now under police guard.

Superintendent Rushworth said: "This development does not help us in any way in our search for Father Borynski."

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Matches Spelt Warning

Feud In 'Little Poland' Church

Sunday Dispatch Reporter

THE mystery of Father Henry Borynski, the Polish priest who vanished on July 13 deepened last night.

For it was revealed that the words "Be quiet, priest," had been spelt out in matchsticks at the home of Father Martynellis, the priest whom Father Borynski succeeded at Bradford, Yorkshire.

The words in Polish ("Milcz Klech") were seen after Father Martynellis was found in a collapsed condition and taken to hospital.

Mrs. Nellie O'Dowd, a neighbour who saw the matchsticks on the bureau said last night that she was told by Father Martynellis's niece Jadwiga Jaeger what they meant.

Although police described as "frivolous" reports that Father Martynellis had been attacked by two men who then ran out, Miss Jaeger said her uncle told her two men had attacked him.

Last night Bradford's 300,000 people wondered what connection, if any, Father Martynellis's collapse had with the disappearance of Father Borynski from his home in Little Horton-lane.

Conflict

Father Borynski was parish priest to 1,600 Poles (some of whom do not speak English) who live and work in Bradford. They are a community within a community.

And police believe someone in that "Little Poland" knows the secret of their priest's disappearance. But they won't talk.

They are afraid. Or do they mistrust the police headed by Superintendent Tom Rushworth, of Bradford C.I.D.?

Or is it the feud?

For a fierce feud has split Bradford's Little Poland. And the two people who figured—unwittingly perhaps—most prominently in it were Father Borynski and Father Bolesian Martynellis.

Father Martynellis, greying and tired, was formerly the parish priest. Father Borynski, young, enthusiastic, energetic, succeeded him in October.

And the little community split, some paying allegiance to the older and some to the younger priest.

Never Spoke

Father Martynellis refused to acknowledge his successor. The two never spoke to each other.

He was offered a parish in Leicester. He curtly refused.

Father Borynski soon became popular with hundreds of his flock. Every Sunday morning the church was packed.

An hour later, huddling together in the barely filled front pews, about 30 parishioners faithful to Father Martynellis would kneel as he conducted his own unofficial service.

The feud grew till it threatened to destroy the little isolated community.

Matches Riddle

Among the partisans of the two priests are men trained to violence—Commandos from the Polish forces. Some are refugees from Communism. Some ardently support it.

And the police believe it is not impossible that a small irresponsible group may have knowledge of those who kidnapped or assaulted Father Borynski.

I was told yesterday that the two priests met and talked for the first time on the morning of Father Borynski's disappearance.

I sensed a curious indifference among some of the community about Father Borynski's disappearance. That indifference has given rise to a theory that Father Borynski may have been instructed by a high source of his Church to disappear.

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Borynski's friend in hospital— 'attacked'

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CANON Boleslaw Martynellis, 58, former priest to the Polish community in Bradford, was found in a collapsed condition at his home in Greaves-street last night.

Ambulance headquarters said: "He was removed to hospital following an assault. We cannot say what inflicted the cuts on his head."

The Canon was a friend of Father Henry Borynski, 48, the Polish priest who disappeared from his Bradford home on July 13. He was also Father Henry's predecessor as chaplain to the refugees.

Detective - Superintendent T. Rushworth, head of Bradford C.I.D., was called to the house after Canon Martynellis' niece had found him injured. Later, accom-

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MISSING PRIEST: MURDER THEORY

POLICE CONCLUSIONS

From Our Special Correspondent
BRADFORD, Thursday.

Three main conclusions about the disappearance of Father Henry Borynski, 42, the Polish Roman Catholic Chaplain who vanished on July 13, have been reached by police, I learned to-night. They are:

- 1—The disappearance is of no political significance.
- 2—He may have gone away for a private reason known to at least one refugee Roman Catholic priest in the North.
- 3—He may be dead and if so has been murdered.

While the police lack evidence to assume death, they believe this to be the more likely explanation of Father Borynski's prolonged absence. Suicide they consider unlikely.

If he has been murdered they think several people, probably all foreigners, were concerned in the crime.

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